Egypt protests at Shamir statements

CAIRO (R) — The Egyptian Foreign Ministry summoned Israel's ambassador Sunday to protest at statements by tsraeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, a ministry spokesman said. He gave no details of the statements but Egypt's Middle East News Agency said Cairo took exception to a remark by Shamir at a meeting in the United States last week. "If we acted like the Arab countries do toward their own demonstrators, shooting people ruthlessly, then the (Palestinian uprising) would bave ended long ago, "Shamir was quoted as saving. The Egyptian spokesman said the Foreign Ministry told Ambassador Moshe Sasson of its "strong denunciation and rejection of these statements because they contained distortions of facts." "The Israeli prime minister should have made statements along the line of Egyptian efforts to achieve just and comprehensive peace in the region," the spokesman said. Shamir had made similar comments two months ago when Palestinian refugees in the Egyptian side of Rafah. a town bordering the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, Egyptian side of Rafah, a town bordering the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, demonstrated in support of Palestinians in Israeli-occupied land.

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Sharif Mohammad Hashem, tribal affairs advisor to His Majesty King Hussein, died Sunday, the Royal Court said. A Royal Court statement carried by the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said Sharif Hashem would be buried at the Royal Cometery Monday. Monday.

Arab woman dies in mosque collapse

HERZLIYA (R) — A 70-yearold Arab woman caretaker was killed and a three-year-old child seriously hurt when the minaret of a cliff-top mosque collapsed in Herzliya Sunday, witnesses said. The minaret of the Sidni Ali Mosque, damaged in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, fell down during a thunder storm.

Iraq has world's largest sulphur reserve

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraqi Heavy Industries Minister Abdul Tawab Al Mulla Huwaish said Sunday sulphur deposits recently discovered in Iraq gave it the world's largest known reserves of the mineral. He told the Iraqi News Agency his ministry had discovered 230 million tons of snlphur, raising total reserves to 515 milhion tons. Iraq produces half a million tons of sulphur a year and Huwaish said output would rise to 650,000 tons a year soon, He also said more than 300 million tons of liquid aluminium silicon had been discovered in the western desert of drag

Vassiliou to confer with Thatcher

NICOSIA (AP) - President George Vassilion will confer with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London March 31 seeking support for efforts to settle the problem of war-divided Cyprus, government spokesman Akis Fantis says. The announcement late Saturday gave no other. details of the meeting, the first of a series of visits to world capitals Vassiliou plans. Vassiliou, who was elected last month, said when be returned Friday from a 5-day visit to Greece that he would be launching, a "peace offensive" to. canvass support for efforts to solve the 14-year-old Cyprus problem.

Chad dissidents said rallying behind Goukouni

ROME (AP) - The official Libyan News Agency reported Sun-day that Lihyan-backed rebel forces in Chad have reunified themselves under the leadership of Goukouni Oueddei, who had fallen out with the Libyans two years ago. The return of Goukouni to the Libyan fold was confirmed Saturday in the Libyan capital Tripoli during a meeting of the groups fighting to overthrow the government in neighbouring Chad, the Libyan news agency JANA reported. The dispatch said the rebels signed a statement pledging "the unification of Chadian groups under the leadership of President Goukouni Queddei, the president of the Chadian Government for National Unity." The statement affirmed "the renewal of confidence in the person of President Goukouni Oueddei to preside over the government of national

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OIC conference opens today

Pirzada calls for world support for uprising

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency despatches

AMMAN — Foreign ministers and high-level representatives of member states of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) open their 17th conference in Amman Monday with a speech by His Majesty King Hussein.

The major issues on the agenda of the five-day conference include the I4-week-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza and efforts to end the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq war, the Afghanistan problem and the issue of Muslim minorities in non-Muslim

OIC. Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzada set the tone for the conference Sunday by calling on the international community to support the Palestinians under Israeli occupation.
The Jordan News Agency, Pet-

ra, quoted Pirzada as expressing "his concern on the future of Palestinians and their heritage in light of the Israeli oppressive measures against the people." · It also said that Pirzada reaf-

BETHLEHEM, occupied West Bank (Agencies).—An Israeli soldier was shot dead Sunday in

the first killing of an Israeli ser-

viceman since the start of the

Palestinian uprising in the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza, an

army spokesman said.

A 28-year-old reservist was

shot twice in the head at close

range hy an assailant carrying a

pistol while soldiers stood guard

in Bethlehem on the main street

from Jerusalem to Manger

Square.
The Palestinian death toll in

the 102-day uprising rose to 100

Saturday night when troops fired

on a group hurling fire bombs at

them in the West Bank village of

Kafr Dan near Jenin, killing one

The shooting of the soldier

appeared to defy a han on

firearms imposed by the upris-

The assailant shot the soldier

outside the interior ministry in

Bethlehem and escaped. Witnes-

ses quoted by Renter said the

Troops detained more than 200

backs and forced them to crouch

while lining up along a storefront.

They were questioned in groups

Junblatt names

PSP candidate

MUKHTARA, Lebanon (R)

Lebanon's socialist leader Walid

Junhlatt Sunday named Antoine

Ashkar, a Maronite Christian, as

his party's candidate for presi-

Ashkar, in his 50s, is a polit-

huro member of Junhlatt's main-

ly-Druze Progressive Socialist

Party (PSP), and one of a handful

of Maronites with the Syrian-

"Our comrade Antoine Ashkar

is going to be our candidate for

the presidency. We will fight as PSP and as a nationalist force to

the news conference, called on

Lebanon's Muslims and Christ-

ians to work together to restore

unity and rebuild the country,

Junblatt said Ashkar would

outline his campaign platform

torn by 13 years of civil war.

backed party.

next Sunday.

for president

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ing's leadership.

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firmed the "necessity of guaran-teeing Palestinians the right to self-determination in their home-

"The international community should support, at least morally and financially, the Palestinians' steadfasiness, especially in the tough period of the popular upris-ing." he said. Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) Executive Committee member Mohammad Milhem called on the OIC foreign ministers to extend support for the Palestinian uprising "as a liberation struggle between Palestinians and Israel in every way; politically, diplomatically and morally. Milhem said the OIC should either extend such support "or

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until his family had been notified.

month in southern Israel during a

hus hijacking by three Palesti-

nians who infiltrated from Egypt,

but the soldier was the first Israeli

serviceman killed in the uprising

Previous attacks with firearms,

Javier Bauluz, a Spanish free-

lance photographer on assign-

ment for Reuters, said several

photographers were taking pic-

tures of the bleeding soldier when

troops beat them, smashed

At least one photographer was

arrested and the film of several

others was confiscated, be said.

cameras and confiscated film.

including guns, hand grenades

and a roadside bomb, had failed,

in the occupied territories.

Three Israelis were killed this

Israeli military censors delayed Palestinians who demonstrated publication of the soldier's death after Sunday church services, wit-

Israeli soldier shot dead

Afghan Mujahedeen seek recognition for government

By Rana Sabbagh Reuter

AMMAN — A delegation representing the Afghan Mujahedeen movement arrived in Amman Sunday to take part as observers in the meeting of Islamic foreign ministers and seeking Islamic recngnition for a transitional government in Afghanistan.

"We have formed a transitional government and we hope this conference will recognise it as the sole, legitimate representative of the Afghan people," Mir Hamza told Reuters.

Hamza, representing the Isla-mic Federation of Afgban Mujahedeen, said he hoped the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) would continue to support wbat be called a holy war waged by the Mujahedeen against the Kabul government and its Soviet

The federation is a seven-party alliance which last week elected Gulbuddin Hekmatyar as its

Hekmatvar told Reuters is Islamabad Sunday the Mujahedeen would continue to attack Soviet troops during their withdrawal

unless a new Mujahedeen gov-

nesses said. There were no im-

Live ammunition order

'The orders now say clearly

Military sources said the army

In the West Bank town of

Uhadiyeh, near Bethlehem,

troops demolished the homes of

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changed the orders following an

increase in firebomh attacks in

thrown, a soldier can open fire,

mediate reports of injuries.

spokesman said.

the spokesman said.

the occupied areas.

Without the acceptance of a Mujahedeen government no agreement can be implemented inside Afghanistan," be said.

ernment took over in Kabul.

The Soviet Union said last week it would pull its 115,000 troops out of Afghanistan with or without a U.N.-mediated agree-

ment in Geneva.

Hekmatyar, who was elected leader last week of the sevenparty alliance, called the statement "a pressure tactic to get the Geneva agreement signed on

Moscow sent troops to back the Afghan government in 1979 and the Mujahedeen say that since then one million Afghans have been killed and five million — a third of the population — bave fled as refugees to Pakistan and

The Geneva talks stalled last week over a U.S. demand that Moscow stop military aid to Kabul in return for an end to U.S. supplies to the Mujahedeen and a Pakistani demand for a neutral interim government in Afghanistan.

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said he hoped talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze Tuesday in Washington would help break the

Geneva logjam.

In Saudi Arabia, another Mujahedeen leader rejected the Soviet offer as a propaganda ploy. Ghaivat Baheer, foreign affairs director for the Hezb-i-Islam faction of the Mujahedeen,

"We have no doubt that they The army announced it had are being dishonest when they say given troops permission to open fire on Palestinian demonstrators they would withdraw their troops without an agreement." hurl firehombs, the army Baheer was in Riyadh on his way to the OIC meeting in that when a petrol bomh is

Jordan, at Moscow's request, has interceded with Pakistan to try to speed agreement in Geneva, political sources said Sunday.

They said Soviet leaders asked King Hussein during a visit to Moscow in December to try to persuade Pakistan to ease its demand for a transitional government in Kahul. The King met special Soviet

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Foreign press reports say Israel

has developed and tested a nuc-

lear-capable Jericho-2 missile of

similar range. Israeli military cen-

sorship bars journalists in Israel

at Iranian cities in the last month

Regional shipping sources Javier Perez de Cuellar.

Kong-owned Atlantic Peace Sunthe war and punished, an oftday, a day after Iraq set two ships repeated condition by Tehran for

and no-one was reported hurt. missiles into Baghdad and 11 short-range rockets into the bat-

Three ships, flying the flags of Panama, Norway and Singapore,

Iragi air raids on Iranian oil

Iran's chief war spokesman, Parliament Speaker Ali Akhar Hashemi Rafsanjani, told Iranian Television he was not optimistic about the outcome of forthcoming talks between Iran and Irao and U.N. Secretary-General

Day in new style Afghanistan and arms top Shultz-Shevardnadze agenda TUNIS (R) - Tunisia marked

rest for the creator of modern will the Gulf war and the crisis at Tunisia. Habib Bourguiba. the Nicaraguan Honduran border The 84-year-old former presithat prompted Reagan to send dent, who was declared senile last 3,200 American troops to Hon-November and removed from

Those topics are not likely to dominate the talks. As at their meeting in Moscow last month, Shultz and Shevardnadze are expected to spend considerable time on Afghanistan

and a Soviet promise to begin withdrawing 115,000 troops that bave backed up the Kabul regime Geneva peace talks have stalled over a Pakistani demand for

an interim government in Kabul prepare for a Moscow summit in and a U.S. demand that Moscow late May between President end aid to the existing Afghan government in return for a halt in American aid to the Afghan Mu-"If we can do something that

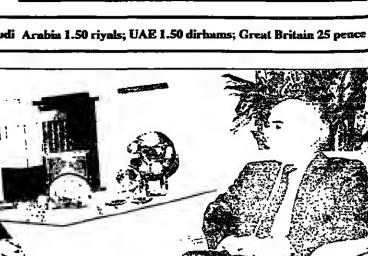
duras Thursday.

helps the people in Geneva resolve those issues, we'd like to do " Shultz said in an interview Friday with Reuters and Visnews. the international television

While not officially part of the negotiations on Afghanistan, Washington and Moscow have agreed to serve as guarantors of a

peace pact. Shultz said be remains per-

suaded Moscow wants to withdraw its troops whether there is an accord or not. Washington prefers a formal peace agreement, he added.



His Majesty King Hussein meets special American envoy Philip Habib Sunday (photn by Yousef Al

Receives American and Egyptian messages

King meets Habib, Abdul Meguid-

By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein beld talks here Sunday with special American envoy Philip Habib who also delivered to him a message from Secretary of State George Shultz,

In a separate meeting, the King conferred with Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid. who arrived here earlier in the day heading his country's delega- also delivered a message from

tion of Islamic Conference (OIC) foreign ministers which open

ra, said the Shultz message to the King dealt with the outcome of American contacts with the con-

cerned parties, including the Soviel Union, over the new U.S. proposal for peace in the Middle East. Petra did not give details.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubartion to the meeting of Organisaak to the King. It did not elabo-

Habib arrived here earlier Sun-The Jordan News Agency. Pet- day after saying Washington was sticking to its proposed timetable for Middle East peace talks.

No reply yet

A Jordanian official, who declined to he named, told Reuter the King was not expected to give

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IRNA said Rafsanjani repe-

ated the Iranian demand that Iraq

tered southern port city of Basra.

saying Al Quma. near the repu-

ted site of the Garden of Eden

north of Basra, and five other

border cities were heavily shelled

during the night, "inflicting heavy

The Iraqi News Agency said only one missile hit Baghdad.

casualties.

IRNA reported communiques

Heavy fighting reported on Gulf fromt; Iran fires missiles, raids tanker

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran quoted by news agencies said and Iraq reported heavy fighting Iranian gunboats fired several on their central warfront Sunday rockets at the 84,631-tonne Hong be declared the "aggressor" in and shipping sources said an Iranian gunboat attacked a Liberian

tanker in the Gulf. Iran also fired at least one minal in the northern Gulf.

night and Sunday morning. A Baghdad military spokesman said the Iraqi Second Army Corps killed I,200 Iranians, injured many others and took dozens captive in repulsing an offensive on the central front. He

overnight clash took place. The Iranian news agency IRNA said 800 Iraqi troops were killed or wounded and 22 captured during fighting along the front Sunday.

The agency said the Iranians wiped out" the 1st battalion of the 423rd brigade and inflicted heavy casualties on other Iraqi

ablaze at Iran's Kharg Island ter- accepting Security Council Resolution 598 calling for a ceasemissile at Baghdad as the "war of Reporters in a helicopter fire. the cities" entered its fourth week counted eight rocket holes in the IRNA reported that as Iran and Iraq said its planes hit five starboard side. Shipping sources celebrated the Persian New Year, Iranian towns and cities Saturday said a small fire had been put out its forces fired two long-range

were attacked hy Iranian gunboats in the same area Friday, with one seaman killed. Those were the first Iranian raids since did not say exactly where the Feb. 11.

Iran's attacks follow a blowfor-hlow pattern of retaliation for

exploding in a residential district and killing or wounding "a number of civilians, including women and children.

Tunisia marks Independence

the anniversary of its independence Sunday and, for the first time in 32 years, it was a day of

office, remained unseen on a well-guarded estate set among vineyards and farmland near Mornag, 20 kilometres south of Tunis.

In former years, Bourguiba was the centre of attention on Independence Day, seen on national television shaking hands with a near-endless procession of diplomats, officials and other well-wishers at the presidential palace in Carthage.

His successor, President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali. acknowledges Bourguiba's role in leading the fight against French colonial rule and governing the country for 31 years after independence. But he has been steadily distancing his government from the

old man's memory. Independence Day brought another small step in that direction when the Arabic and Frenchlanguage editions of a ruling parly newspaper changed their

names, dropping titles elosely identified with Bourguiba. L'action became Le Renouveau and Al Amal became Al Hurria.

But in a television speech Saturday evening, Ibn Ali promised that one of Bourguiba's key achievements — the emancipanon of women -- would remain

Palestinian activists go hidling, In nearby Beit Sahur village, soldiers fired shots to disperse Israel upset over Saudi missiles

TEL AVIV (R) — A senior soldier bled profusely from his Israeli official was quoted Sunday as hinting Israel might act to Palestinians, pointed guns at their preempt the deployment hy Saudi

Arahia of new Chinese-made medium-range missiles. "Israel has acquired a reputation of not waiting until a potential danger becomes actual." the Jerusalem Post quoted Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of

the prime minister's office, as saying in Los Angeles. The United States expressed concern Friday at the acquisition by Saudi Arabia of Chinese CSS-2 surface-to-surface missiles, capable of carrying nuclear warheads

up to 3,500 kilometres. Israeli newspapers said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir warned U.S. leaders during talks in Washington last week that the missiles must be removed immediately. State Department spokesman

Charles Redman told reporters both China and Saudi Arabia bad assured the United States that nuclear tips were not planned for the missiles, which he said had vet to be deployed.

The Jerusalem Post said U.S. officials told Shamir the missiles had already been deployed. Energy Minister Moshe Sbahal

criticised Ben-Aharon at a cahiner meeting for speaking publicly about the possibility that Israel might destroy the Saudi

Radio said. Ben-Aharon's warning was also aimed at Iraq, which has fired

missiles, accusing him of a breach of "national security," Israel It quoted a senior official in the prime minister's office as saying

state's nuclear missile capability. pert said Sunday that even without nuclear warbeads, the Saudi missiles were a threat. "Also with conventional warbeads, it is entirely unpleasant,

> Aharon Levran of Tel Aviv University's Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies. "It is definitely (aimed) against Iran, because Iran is the greatest danger in the area. But there is

nothing to keep these rockets from being used also against dozens of medium-range missiles Israel," be said.

Mahdi: Sudan democracy not in crisis

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi, who last week threatened to quit if parliament rejected his reform plans, sought Sunday to allay fears that Sudan's infant demo-

cracy was in danger. Mahdi, elected in 1986 after the first democratic polls for nearly 20 years, also denied that be was seeking a new mandate

from parbament. He said he only wanted a renewed demonstration of support and to be able to exercise his authority fully.
"I don't think that democracy

is on trial or that Sudan's fate is on trial, nor that there is any point in this crisis-mongering that many people have now become involved in." he told a news conference.

"There is no democratic crisis,

there are different democratie choices. I am sure that the people of Sudan, parties, members of parbament and public opinion are mature enough to make the best We shall all accept this deci-

sion and that is what democracy is all about," Mahdi said.

Mahdi told parliament Tuesday he would resign if deputies rejected his two-year programme for a new broad-based government to tackle the country's problems. He said it would include all the political forces that support

His programme aims to revive the economy, plagued by foreign debts of nearly \$12 billion, and end the long-running war against the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

State Radio Omdurman said

the speaker of parliament and party leaders agreed Sunday to begin a debate on Mahdi's proposals Thursday, three days later than the prime minister sug-

The delay appeared to lend credibility to reports that a government uniting Mahdi's Umma Party, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) and the militant opposition National Islamic Front was in the offing.

Mahdi also said "bungry refugees" should not be sent back home, indicating he would reverse a decision to bar entrance to refugees escaping famine.

"We decided to take an initiative regarding the issue of refugees, to clearly differentiate between the political and the hungry refugee," he said.

from reporting on the Zionist A leading Israeli strategic ex-WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Yitzhak Shamir this week — will Secretary of State George Shultz also be on this week's agenda. as and Soviet Foreign Minister

Eduard Shevardnadze resume pre-summit talks this week that could be crucial to a faltering said reserve Brigadier-General Afghan peace settlement. The talks will also grapple for the first time at a high level with ensuring compliance with a prop-

osed strategic arms treaty, a

senior U.S. official told Reuters.

Among other things, the minis-

ters will discuss mobile missiles. which Washington wanted to ban but now believes can be verified under a treaty, said the official. who asked not to be identified. The meetings are the second in a series of monthly discussions to

Ronald Reagan and Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev. Shevardnadze was due in Washington Sunday, apparently to give him time 10 overcome jet lag and confer with advisers before bis sessions with Sbultz Tues-

day and Wednesday. The talks should give a clearer reading of whether a proposed treaty halving U.S. and Soviet strategic weapons can be finished in time for signing at the summit, a senior official said in an inter-

Both sides are working hard (to achieve this goal). We cannot fault the Soviets in this area." be said.

A new U.S. Middle East peace initiative - pursued in Washington with Israeli Prime Minister

Text and photos by Rania Atalia Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Despite the social constraints, the lack of opportuoities and the limitations oo working women in Jordan, three physically handicapped women have proven that there are no insurmountable problems in this

Not only were they able to find work, generate income and eosure economic self-sufficiency, hut they also achieved a measure of social independence by living on their own. What they have established may well be a model for other women — handicapped or not.

Fawzieh, Maryam and Intisar first got together because they had 10. "After spending a few years at a centre for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped there was nowhere for us to go," says Fawzieh - nowhere where they could he productive. that is.

"Work opportunities for us are scarce, if any are found at all. Since we cannot find work to satisfy all of us, and since we do not want to be a hurdeo oo our families, we decided to live together and do whatever work we could find," Fawzieb says.

Fortunately for the three of them. Fawzieh is employed as a fulltime teacher. She is the main bread earner io the house. Maryam and Intisar work at home: They knit and embroider and accept odd jobs from various factories.

It wasn'i, bowever, without a big struggle that the three women managed to achieve what they have. "We faced a lot of opposition from our parents," says Fawzieb, who is 34. "Personally, 1 had to make arrangements and get a bouse while my parents were out of town." In October of last year, she and Maryam moved into the house at the Ahu Nseir housing complex. Iotisar joined them a few months later.

For Maryam, the beginning was even more difficult than it was for Fawzieh. "My parents would not hear of it at first they thought it was not proper for

me to live independently. Besides, my father kept telling me that I wouldn't be able to manage alone," she said.

Fortune, Fawzieh believes, had a role in all of this. "If the opportunities were not presented to me, I could not have done what I did." But it required more than just luck for her to accomplish all that she bas so far - it took a proper educatioo and much determination.

Forced out of school

At her parent's insistence, and against her will. Fawzieh was forced to leave school at the age of 15. At 17 she fell off the stairs, broke her back and became paralysed from the hips down.

"For three years my parents and the doctors kept telling me that sleeping on my back for a while would make me better. It was all nonsense, but I did oot realise what had happened. I did not know what breaking my back meant." she says.

It took Fawzieh almost 10 years to learn to live with ber handicap and to do something about il. When she did, she started by learning some skills. She took a typing course and worked as a secretary. But because she did not have a high school degree ber low salary did not get her anywhere,

"I decided to take up the challenge and go back to school. I did it almost out of revenge against my parents. who made me quit while I was young," she says.

With financial assistance from the Young Womeo Christian Association (YWCA) and a scholarship from a local community college, she completed her education, and was able to take the next step forward. She is now a full-time teacher on loan from the Ministry of Education, working at Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicapped, where she spent several years in rehabi-

Fawzieh looks back at her experience with a positive tone: "it



The 'three Mousquitaires' at their apartment in the Abu Nuseir housing district

'Three for one, and one for all'

was difficult at first; I had a lot of For although Maryam's backquestions and doubts. But now all the problems are solved." She adds that ber independence "helped us a great deal in getting started." It enabled her to buy a house for the three to live in. Every month, she pays more than half of her salary as installments for the house.

In this sense, Fawzieb is a role model, and it is perhaps ber success that has led so many others, Maryam and Intisar included, to follow her example.

ground and case are different, in so many ways she bopes to follow Fawzieb's footsteps, and certainly looks to ber for guidance. Maryam was three years old

when she was struck hy polio. She had not had her immunisation shot - both legs and ber left arm were affected. Because of ber disability, her parents never seot her to school. "The only thing they thought about was treating me. They never thought of educating me," she says.
"When I was I3 I went to a

centre for the handicapped and took literacy classes there. But it was very difficult and unpleasant. I was young and gave up easily. Now I regret it," she adds.

As she became older, Maryam came to realise that people can tolerate much more than what she had been through. I saw a lot of handicapped people doing

great things for themselves, and this is what motivated me to do something for myself as well," sbe says.

Right oow and at bome, Maryam is making use of the skills she acquired during the rebabilitation stage. With a smile, sbe recalls: "I hated sewing, bot I had to learn it because I had no alternative - I had no ednca-

It is precisely for that reason that Maryam has not looked for employment opportunities outside the house, "I received no education when I was young, but when I grew up I wanted to learn; the problem was that there were no opportunities for me. Without an educatioo I feel I could do nothing worthwhile," she adds.

But she does not intend to give up. With Fawzieh's encouragement, Maryam is now completing

her second year of literacy classes, which in Jone should bring home. her to fourth grade level.

'A step at a time'

She plans to go ont and compete in the work market as soon as she finishes her education. "I will do it a step at a time. I have already started by learning to read. Eventually, I want to have a permanent joh. I want the security," she insists. But until she

does, she will continue to work at Fawzieh asserts that the whole

concept stemmed out of a oeed. "Our condition as physically handicapped is what brought us together," she says. But the idea does not stop here. Since she believes that it is difficult for the handicapped to find employment opportunities, the solution in her view is for the handicapped to create opportunities for themselves out of what they have character and determination to learned and acquired - to create do so.

work that would generate in

"During the rehabilitation: stage we were tanght to be inde-pendent. This is the exact situation that we want to develop." Fawzieh says. Having work delivered to them at home is a suitable arrangement which, they believe, does not prevent them from being a part of society.

Previously, a plastics company used to deliver rolls of plastic sheets to them; they cut them into smaller pieces and earned 500 fils for every kilogramme. Right now, the three women have an understanding with a company that debvers plastic diaper pieces to them; they separate the pieces from one another and fold them individually. Every box of 3,000 pieces earns them JD 6.

Maryam and Intisar also use their skills for embroidery, sewing, knitting and woodwork They are often assisted by Fawzieb. But for the three of them. the work of factories is more important because it brings them more income. The problem with bandicraft work remains one of marketing. So far, they have sold their products at two bazaars hardly a solid and stable enough outlet for their products, they believe. The third bazaar will be beld on March 28 at the Faral Rehabilitation Ceotre of King Hussein Medical City. As far as the marketing prob-

lem is concerned. Fawzieb says "it would be very nice if a shopowner, for example, buys all the knit-wear we produce and markets it alone." This sort of arrangement would be very suitable for them because as long as they are working actively they

guarantee a steady income.

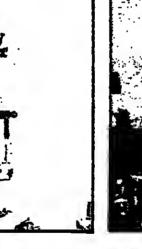
The three women have come a long way. The rehabilitation they got at Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicapped was the first-step towards independence.

Undoubtedly, they will face more challenges in the future. But despite all the factors work ing against them, they have set the precedent for others: They have proven that handicapped women can make it in this society, if they have the force of



Margam making coffee

March 24).



Fawzieh embroidering

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WHAT'S GOING ON

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An art exhibition by Olivia Paliard at Alia Art Gallery (until March 28).

TODAY'S EVENTS

★ Book exhibition at the Comprehensive Commercial Centre (Tower Building). Jabal Amman, 3rd Circle (permana).

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* "Fifth Caricature Exhibition," works of the late Naji Al Ali at Hussein Camp Youth Activities Cen-

A General book exhibition at the Professional Associations Complex in

* An exhibition entitled "Reconstruc-tion of Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock" at King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Mosque.

* Book exhibition at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Arts.

☆ Art exhibition by Samis Zarour at the Jordan National Museum of Fine Arts (until end of March)

☆ An exhibition entitled "Palestimian Uprising" at Lubebah âint Al Harith School, Jerash (runs through March

★ An agricultural exhibition at the University of Jordan, Faculty of Agriculture (runs through 23 March). Art exhibition by Mohammad Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery (runs through April 19).

* "How Privatisation Works," by Dr. Sherry Stephenson of the OECD Teade Denartment at 10:00 a.m. at

LECTURES

☆ Developments of the Arab Cause, by Abdul Hadi Boutaleb at 6:30 p.m. at Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. ⇒ Le charme discret de la bourgeoisie at 8:00 p.m. at the French Cultural

DRAWING WORKSHOP

BRITISH COUNCIL

* Tribute to David Hockney Grimm's Fairy Tales from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the British Council (runs through Sunday 27 March).

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lieus Philadelphia Club. Me cry second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Clurch of the Amunciation (Roman Catholic) Jahal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440

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Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 .m. Tel: 622366

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Evangelical Latheray Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. bow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church)

glish Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264

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WEATHER

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It will be partly cloudy to cloudy with chances of scattered thunder showers and north-westerly moderate fresheming winds. In Aquiba, it will be cloudy with chances of scattered rains. The winds will be southerly and calm

5/11 6/13 Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 10, Aqaba 26. Humidity readings: Amman 94 per cent, Aqaba 32 per

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ROYAL DECREES: A Royal Decree was issued Sunday approving the new antiquities law of 1988. The law defines the tasks and duties of the Department of Antiquities in the course of unearthing Jordan's antiquities and artefacts and preserving them. The law also defined the specific penalties to be imposed on those causing damage to or illegally dealing with antiquities. A Royal Decree has also been issued endorsing the Agricultural Credit Corporation revised law and defining the corporation's duties.

CROWN PRINCE: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday called at the Prime Ministry where he held talks with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai.

PRINCE THANKS: His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan has sent a cable to Ali Al Dajani thanking him for presenting him a copy of a book on Jerusalem, written by Dajani and Irfan Nizamuddin. NEW MAYOR: The Cabinet Simday decided to appoint Hassan Abu Rumman and Fares Nahar Shalfat as mayors of Um Jouzeh and Manshiet Bani Hassan municipalities respectively.

CABINET ENDORSES: The Cabinet Sunday endorsed minutes of the joint Jordanian-Sudanese Economic Committee, which were held in Khartoum on March 6.

LOCAL DEPOSIT LAW: Culture and National Heritage Minister Mohammad Hammouri Sunday decided to form a special committee, to look into the draft Deposit Local Law and putting it in its final form for approval: The committee groups Libraries, Documentation and National Archives Director Ahmad Sbarkas, the University of Jordan's Scientific Research Dean Adnan Al Bakhit, University of Jordan Library Director Hani Al Amad, University of Jordan Legal Affairs Department Director Bashar Abdul Hadi, Yarmouk University Library Director Farouq Mansour and Usama Miqdadi from the Culture and National Heritage Ministry.

ROAD ACCIDENTS: The Health Ministry will take part in a regional consultancy seminar on road accidents due to open in Baghdad on April 10. Dr. Khaled Daoud from the ministry's Health Care Department will represent the ministry at the meetings.

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DELEGATION FORMED: The Cabinet Sunday formed Jordan's delegation to the Arab Health Ministers Council meeting due to open in Amman in the coming month. Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh will lead the delegation to the five-day meeting, during which general questions related to health cooperation among Arab countries will be discussed. The council is also expected to discuss a project for setting up an Arab Hospital for Jerusalem to offer services to the local Palestinian population, according to Health Ministry officials.

NOMINEES WITHDRAW: Two agricultural engineers Saturday withdrew their nominations for the Jordanian Agricultural Engineers Association Council, thus bringing to 20 the number of nominees for the association's council. Elections of the council will take place

SYMPOSIUM ON GULF WAR: University of Jordan Economic and Administrative Sciences Faculty Dean Wadi'e Sharaidah participated in an international symposium on the Iran-Iraq war and its effects, held in Baghdad from March 12 to 14.

HEALTH CARE: A newly formed bealth education team in Karak Governorate has recently organised awareness campaigns to school students and bas shown them a number of films about cleanliness and

NEW POST OFFICES: The Ministry of Telecommunications has decided to open post office branches in Koum Ahmar, and Dandaneh villages at Mafraq Governorate. The branches will open once suitable buildings to house them have been found, according to Telecommunications Department Director in Mafraq Lutfi Momani.

11,600 PILLS: The customs authorities at the Queen Aba International Airport have discovered 11;600 drug pills, hidden in an electric beater, being brought into the country. The heater was carried by a ssenger arriving from Athens, according to the authorities quoted by Al Ra'i Arabic daily Sunday. The paper did not disclose the

BANK GUARANTEES: A green long training course on bank guarantees is underway at the industrial Development Bank's lordanian Management Institute. Seventeen senior officials from banks and financial and industrial companies are taking part in the course, which will orient them on bank guarantees and related

AGRICULTURE: The University of Jordan has organised an agricultural exhibition displaying domestic plants, seeds, farm implements and insecticides that are being used at the university's farms. The four-week exhibition also displays birds and fish.

230 LICENCES: The agriculture department in Zarqa has issued 230 licences to farmers implementing the agricultural patterns system during the current season. Department Director Mohammad Lawzi -said that teams from the department carried ont inoculation on 119 heads of cattle at Zarqa and Duleil and 9,132 heads of sheep and goats. The animals, he said, have been inoculated to immunise them against diseases.

ELECTRIC SUPPLY: The Jordan Electricity Company this year will supply electric power to 20 villages in Madaba district during 1988. A company spokesman said that the total cost of this project is estimated at JD 1,147,777.

JD 40.882 BUDGET: The 1988 budget for Um Quttain and Manshieh in Naour District is JD 40,882, according to the local council. He said that funds in this budget will finance the construction of annexes to schools and opening roads.

3 NEW ROADS: The Department of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment in Madaba District opened three village roads at the cost of JD 17,000. The roads link Madaba with Hanou, Manshiet, Ma'in and Um Zara.

COURSE FOR DOCTORS: A three-day training course for 23 doctors from the Health Ministry was concluded Sunday. The participants were oriented on skills needed to counter diarrhoea among children and on vaccination processes.

BOOK WEEK: The Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives will organise a national book week in Jordan as of April 1, according to a department spokesman. He said that the week-long activities will include lectures and book exhibitions.

CIVIL DEFENCE COURSE: A civil defence training course opened in Ain Al Basha Vocational Training Centre Sunday. The participants will hear lectures and practical work in the 10-day

MAINTENANCE COURSE: A month-long training course on the maintenance of electric appliances and equipment ended here Sunday. The participants were 35 local women who would benefit from the new skills at their homes.

EXHIBITION: A two-day exhibition entitled the Uprising in Palestine was held Sunday at Lubabah Bint Al Hareth school in Jerash, to mark the Karameh Battle and the Mothers' Dav.

POPULAR MARKET: The Jerash District governor Sunday presided over a meeting, attended by the department directors. during which they decided to set up a permanent popular market in Jerash to market the traditional handicrafts and industries and agricultural products.

12,158 PATIENTS: Jerash district health centres and clinics received 12,158 patients during February, while the number of those who called at the dental clinics totalled 278 patients. The Jerash hospital received 459 in-hed patients while some 4,249 patients called at the hospital's outpatient clinics, during the same period.

TRAFFIC IN IRBID: Irbid municipality has prepared plans for organising traffic within the city of Irbid. Irbid Mayor Abdul Razzak Tubeishat said that the designs and plans were proposed by a special technical committee grouping Amman municipality, Irbid municipality and the Public Security Department.

SENTENCE APPROVED: The military court has sentenced Saadi Abdullah Hassan to one year imprisonment for possessing hashish. The military governor Sunday endorsed the sentence.

GERMAN STUDENTS: A student delegation from Alexander Friedrich Nurenberg University in West Germany Saturday visited Yarmouk University and were briefed on the university's development and future plans and programmes. The delegation is visiting Jordan to conduct studies about Jordan.

AJLOUN PROGRAMME: A week-long training programme for mayors and heads of local councils in Ajloun and Jerash ended here Saturday. The 25 participants were oriented on matters connected with municipal work and the management of development schemes.



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai receives Turkish Minis ter of State for Planning, Finance and Foreign Trade Yousef Ozal in Amman Sunday (Petra photo)

Turkish minister leaves for home

kish Minister of State for Ficoncluding three days of talks the electricity grids of the four with Jordanian infficials on strengthening Turkish-Jordanian economic and trade cooperation.

On his last day here, Ozal met with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and discussed with him means of bolstering bilateral cooperation in economic, finance, electricity and irrigation fields.

Ozal had held talks with Minis-

AMMAN (Petra + J.T.) - Tur- sources Hisham Al Khatib on plans to set up a joint committee, nance, Trade and Planning Yusuf together with Egypt and Syria, to Study left for home after study the possibilities of linking

> He also held talks with Minister of Water and Irrigation Ahmad Dakhqan on the prospects of laying a water pipeline network linking Turkey with Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq

According to Ministry of Water ters of Energy and Mineral Re- and Irrigation sources Turkey amhassador.

would supply water to Arab countries, according to a study undertaken by a group of consul-

The meeting with the prime minister was attended by Khatih and Turkish Ambassador to Jordan Semih Belen.

Ozal who earlier met with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan was seen off upon departure by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri, Khatib and senior officials as well as the Turkish



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thougan Al Hindawi Sunday receives in his office Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation Director General Abdul Hadi Abu Taleb (Petra photo)

Hindawi holds talks with **ISESCO** director general

Education Thougan Al Hindawi met in his office Sunday with the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISES-CO) Director General Abdul Hadi Abu Taleb. They reviewed ISESCO's activities and programmes in propagating Islamic literature and Jordan's role in supporting the organisation's prog-

Preparation for the Islamic countries education ministers' conference, due to be held in

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Amman later this year, were also Prime Mimster and Minister of discussed at the meeting. discussed at the meeting. Hindawi to open vocational school

> On Wednesday, Hindawi will open the Princess Aishe Bint Ai Hussein vocational school for girls in Ajloun, and an exhibition by school students in the district.

> The minister will attend a cultural event organised by the students from around the Kingdom at Mari Al Hamam Secondary Vocational School Thursday.

Red Cross, Red Crescent societies begin meetings

AMMAN (Petra) - The execu- dent Ahmad Abu Qoura addresopened meetings in Amman Sun- Red Cross societies to support their societies' activities and cooperation in the implementation of bumanitarian prog-

One of the major issues to be discussed at the meeting is providing assistance to the Palestinian people now involved in an uprising in the occupied Arab territories. Jordan National Red

tive committee of the Arab Red sed the meeting in which he Crescent and Red Cross societies called on Arah Red Crescent and day to discuss matters related to the uprising with all their avail-

Apart from the uprising the delegates will discuss the implementation of earlier resolutions and the outcome of the Red Crescent and Red Cross meetings in Oatar last March.

Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Qatar are repre-Crescent Society (JNRCS) Presi-sented at the two-day meeting.

Hammouri, Ajlouni visit Petra

PETRA (Petra) — Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri and Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ailouni Friday visited the ancient Nabatean city of Petra and the adjoining town of Wadi Mousa. where they met with officials and inspected services offered to tour-

Both ministers made statements stressing the government's determination to develop and modernise tourist services.

Later, at a meeting with the Wadi Mousa Municipal Council, an agreement was reached for carrying out cleanliness campaigns at the tourist site and at the Forum Hotel on a regular

It was also decided that studies and designs be worked out for the restoration of the approaches to the Nabatean city, and for promoting the efficiency of tourist

A statement later said that equipment will be installed inside Petra to ensure quick communications, a medical clinic will be set up to offer first aid, as well as to provide other public ser-

A library, displaying books and publications on the archaeological site, will be opened inside the Nabatean city, according to the statement.

According to the statement a total of 1,500 people from Jordan and foreign countries visited Pet-

Jordan to celebrate Karameh **Battle**

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan Monday celebrates the anniversary of Al Karameb Battle, which took place in 1968 near the Karameb village in the Jordan

anniversary

On the eve of the occasion, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said in a statement that a major Israeli attack across the River Jordan into the East Bank was transformed into a defeat for the enemy and a victory for the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Jordanian people.

"The Karameh Battle of 1968 their sethack in the 1967 war, and breathed into the nation a new spirit for steadfastness and victory," Petra said.

It said the battle was described by His Majesty King Hussein as "a turning point in the confrontation with the Israeli enemy, and one in which the armed forces offered sacrifices in defence of the Arah nation.

The battle, ended an era of despair that prevailed in the Arab World following the 1967 setback, and proved that the Arabs are capable of confronting threats and dangers in dealing with the invaders, Petra said.

Meanwhile Yarmouk University will bold a photo exhibition to commemorate the Karameb Bat-

tle anniversary.

The photographs depict Jordan's development in scientific and economic fields and the development of the Jordanian Armed Forces.

In Karak, Mu'ta University held a ceremony Sunday in commemoration of Karameb Battle. Speakers paid tribute to the sacrifices of the Armed Forces in the battle and referred to Israel's expansionist plans in the Arab

Ministry to pay fees of Gazan students in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Higher Education will pay fees of students from the occupied Gaza Strip studying at universities in the East Bank of Jordan in accordance with gov-ernment instructions, Al Ra'i Arabic daily reported Sunday. It said that Gaza students will-

be treated on equal footing with Jordanian students in Jordanian universities.

The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs had earlier announced that it has embarked on arrangements for paying JD 50 allowance a month to students from the occupied Arab territories cut off from their parents due to the current up sing.

Queen Noor inaugurates special education centre in Baqaa refugee camp

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday visited Baqaa refugee camp and inaugurated a special education centre run by the Mental Health

The Queen also inaugurated a kindergarten run by the Friends of Jerusalem Society and in-spected another operated by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA).

The special education centre, which offers special training to 75 handicapped children, was built in 1987 with donations from the General Union of Voluntary

Societies (GUVS), the Ministry

of Occupied Territories Affairs

and personal contributions. The Queen who toured the centre presented the society shield to Mrs. Hafiza Latta of the British Council for her efforts in raising a sum of JD 13,000 to finance the centre's operations. A total of 40 children attend

this day-centre, the only one of its kind in the camp, where the children learn basic reading and writing skills and simple abilities to help them integrate into the

GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatib told the Queen that the centre is similar to three other ones run by GUVS in Amman. Zarqa and Wadi Seer, and all together train 375 handicapped

He said that GUVS plans to open two such centres in the Central Jordan Valley region. Khatib said that the Bagaa centre which cost JD 34,000 to complete has a kindergarten employing a six-member staff.

Later Sunday the Queen opened a kindergarten and a centre for training 40 women in dress making. financed by the Friends of Jerusalem Society at the cost of

The Queen heard a briefing by the society's President Moham mad Rabie about the centre's services and received a token gift on the occasion.
The Friends of Jerusalem Soci-

ety was established in 1967 and has a permanent headquarters in Baqaa camp.

The Queen also inspected a kindergarten and a sewing workshop operated by the YWCA. She met with the association President Nadia Freij, who explained the activities and the training programmes for local women who produce uniforms and special clothes for hotel and

hospital staff. The YWCA offers education to 300 local children.



Her Majesty Queen Noor inaugurates a special education centre in Baqaa refugee camp Sunday

Municipalities crack down on unsafe food

ZARQA (Petra) — Zarqa Muni-cipality has collected and destroyed unspecified quantities of food found unfit for buman coosumption, according to a munici-

pality official Sunday. He said that a municipal team collected the food from different stores in the city during an inspection tour and said that more inspectioo tours will be conducted to prevent any violation of

the regulations. In Jerash public safety committee teams have been involved to tours of stores and also factories and garages, to ensure that their owners abide by public safety regulations.

Committee Chairman Aref Abu Karaki said that an order has been issued for the closure of five auto-service shops for their violations of the regulations.

Abu Karaki said that the concerned municipal authorities are fields.

also intensifying their campaigns to rid the Jerasb district of stray dogs, wild boars and other wild animals found in the region.

He said that large numbers of these wild animals have been killed because they were causing real danger to people and farm

The Public Health Safety Committee in Balqa Governorate conducted an inspection campaign in quantities of food which was pality is keen on protecting the

found to be unfit for human environment.

The committee confiscated the food and destroyed it, and also issued warnings to food stores to ahide by the committee's safety

regulations. Meaowhile the Ramtha Municipal Council bas decided to close garages along the Amman-Damascus road near Ramtha for their violation of the public health safety regulations. Mayor Salt and collected unspecified Salim Quaish said that the munici-

Lawzi receives Austrian envoy

of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi in a farewell visit. Lawzi Lawzi discussed here Sunday with Austrian Ambassador to Jordan Arnold Moehius on Jordanian-Austrian cooperation in different

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House The ambassador called on praised the ambassador for his efforts in strengthening his country's relations with Jordan during

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An occasion for making peace

AS the pace and intensity of the hostilities between Iran and irag escalate on the eve of the meeting of the foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, it becomes all the more pressing for the Islamic foreign ministers to find an acceptable formula for an end to the Gulf war on all fronts. After the breakdown of the brief truce between the two Islamic belligerents in the so-called "war of the cities." and the resumption of the attacks on international shipping in the Gulf by the two sides, the overall situation has become intolerable, from an Islamic as well an international point of view. The fact that Iran is participating in the Amman Islamic meeting is a positive and promising development, and should augur well for the quest for a peaceful resolution of the conflict in the Gulf. The auspicious occasion offered by the presence of Iranian representatives in the midst of their other Islamic colleagues sbould be seized upon to promote the necessary favourable climate to stop the senseless war between Iran and Iraq.

The time is long past for rhetoric and an exchange of familiar views on who is right or who is wrong. It must dawn on all the faithful that it is no longer relevant which party is the primary culprit in the on-going tension in the Gulf region. What is most relevant and pressing is the end of hostilities between two Islamic countries which have spilled blood needlessly and wrought havoc and destruction for much too long. The time is overdue for injecting true Islamic perspectives into the quest for an overall settlement of the Gulf dispute, in all its manifestations. The occasion of the Islamic foreign ministers' meeting in Jordan is the proper venue for doing just that. We therefore appeal to all the Islamic foreign ministers, especially the Iranian and Iraqi foreign ministers, to participate in this gathering in good Islamic faith, and to endeavour to elevate the general Islamic interest over their own respective national interests, as they engage themselves in finding an honourable formula for ending the war in the Gulf.

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Al Ra'i: Is Washington retreating?

U.S. envoy Philip Habib is due in Amman from Cairo Sunday on a complementary mission begun by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in the Middle East region. Habib is making the tour against a background of Israel's adamant refusal of the American peace initiative as displayed in Washington by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. No one yet knows exactly what Habib has up his sleeve, as could be carrying to the Arabs Washington's retreat from its position or a bid to persuade the Arabs to forget the idea of an international conference to resolve the conflict. It is certain that Habib heard firm views from the Egyptian government, supporting the idea of the conference as the only feasible means for ending the conflict, and bringing about a genuine peace. Cairo's views were projected by Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid shortly before Habib's arrival in Egypt. Meguid said that all Israeli troops should be withdrawn from lands occupied since 1967 if peace is to be established. Habib embarked on his mission as Moscow reiterated its adberence to the international conference, insisting that it should be empowered to take all necessary measures for ending Israel's

Al Dustour: Positive policies

AT the closing session of the Arab-Soviet dialogue Prince Hassan reviewed a number of important issues, pointing out Moscow's views with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict. He saio that these views are characterised with objectivity and flexibility which helped to make Soviet policies towards this region positive and serving the just Arab causes and the Arab Nation's interests. Prince Hassan stressed the importance of the Soviet Union's participation in the projected international conference on the Middle East not because it is a superpower and a permanent U.N. Security Council member but also due to Soviet interests in the whole of the South West Asian region. The Arabs of course want the Soviet Union and the other U.N. Security Council members to participate in the conference to provide a guarantee for the implementation of any resolutions and a lasting peace in their region. Prince Hassan praised the Soviet Union's decision to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan as a step that has been greatly welcomed by Jordan and the Arab and Islamic countries. He said the step is a further proof of Moscow's intention to bolster its relations with the Arab and Islamic worlds.

Sawt Al Shaab: A much needed meeting

FOREIGN ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Monday open their meetings in Amman amid critical circumstances in the Islamic world and as Muslims are in dire need for ending their disputes and unifying their ranks in the face of external conspiracies. The Arabs and Muslims meet here at a time when fratricidal wars continue among Islamic nations and side differences persist, benefitting only the common Israeli enemy. The conference takes place as Iran and Iraq escalate their strikes against each other's population areas in an unprecedented manner, and as the two sides continue to step up the air and ground fighting with all their power. The war has been transformed from a regular fighting among troops into random shelling of civilian targets, marking a serious deterioration in the situation and creating more difficulties for peace mediators. The OIC conference is the refore needed to find means of stopping the bloodshed and ending the conflict that has sapped Islamic countries human and material resources. The OIC conference is also needed to help support the Palestinian people's uprising in the face of Israeli atrocities and oopression.

'When Islam is the bond, conflicts must end'

By Waleed Sadi

THE seventeenth session of the foreign ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) which convenes today in Amman is dangerously flanked by two pressing and overriding conflicts:

One in the West and exist in the form of the Palestinian conflict. Its latest ramification is manifested in the on-going popular Palestinian uprising whose spark was touched off in the West Bank and Gaza Strip nearly four months ago. The other is situated in East where Iran and Iraq are still locked in a ferocious eight-years old war whose most recent ominous development assumed the form of the so-called "war of the cities." To be sure there is an array of other formidable and substantive issues and disputes that still await deliberation and resolution by the OIC. Among the string of such added load of work that remains on the shoulders of the foreign ministers of the Islamic countries during their current meeting one would mention the Afghanistan situation which promises a breakthrough in view of the on-going negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations. The Organisation of Islamic Conference may want to pronounce itself on the pace and contents of such negotiations in an effort to pave the way for a swift resolution of the crisis. Then there is the endemic Muslim minorities in several countries which call for promotion and protection by a set of policy measures on multilateral as well as bilateral levels. In the background of all such issues and challenges lies the ever-present task of developing inter-Islamic relations on all fronts, spheres and domains under the anspices of the OIC. Such inter-Islamic relations should provide the setting and context for affirmative and operational resolution of all problems. The Islamic world cannot begin to entertain the aspiration of settling the issues and conflicts that confront them without the viable forum of an effective and action-oriented Islamic organisation. In this vein all the faithfuls pray to God Almighty to guide this Muslim institution on the right course in order to fulfill its ideals and objectives as set out in its

On other fronts one finds the projected dialogues between the Islamic world and the other "world" on issues and subjects with world-wide implications. One can mention the objectives and aspirations of mankind at large for nuclear disarmament, protection of environment on earth and the stratosphere, promotion and protection of human rights, eradication of famine and disease, prevention of the spread of desertification and last but not least bolstering the overall economic, social and cultural welfare and progress of all the developing countries especially the Islamic countries some of which happen to be among the least developed countries in the world.

On the religious and spiritual levels, one can also envisage the promotion of additional Islamic religious conferences and seminars with a view to promote Islam as it truly is a dynamic faith relevant to the daily lives of Muslims everywhere. In this context one would mention the urgent need to resort more than ever to Bab Al Ijithad by prominent Islamic theologians in order to address the contemporary problems and challenges of modern age. The Organisation of Islamic Conference can certainly play a most useful role in this domain by helping to convene the necessary fora for that purpose.

However, of all such vital items on the agenda of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, surely the Palestinian and Gulf conflicts are most pressing and would therefore figure very highly on the agenda of the Islamic foreign ministers during their five-days meeting in Amman.

With regard to the alarming situation in the occupied Arab territories, the foreign ministers would perhaps want to examine what workable and operational options are available to them in order to lend an effective and meaningful support to the glorious revolt that is being waged by the Palestinians against Israeli occupation. Jerusalem which bappens to bouse the second most sarred Islamic shrings is a mere 100 billomatree from where Islamic sacred Islamic shrines is a mere 100 kilometres from where Islamic foreign ministers are bolding their meeting now. The cries of Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock Mosques for liberation from Israeli occupation and desecration are loud and clear for all the faithful to hear and beed. Last we forget, the genesis of the Organisation of Islamic Conference was prompted in the first place by the Israeli burning of Al Aqsa Mosque back in 1969. In more than one way, the liberation of Jerusalem and its Islamic shrines is the raison d'etre for the existence of this sublime Islamic institution. And now that there is considerable commotion and a flurry of political activity associated with the recent Sbultz peace plan, the meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers can provide a propitions venue for airing Islamic as well as Arab views on the ments and demerits of this American peace initiative. Islamic attitudes towards peace plans affecting Arab countries are most vital and critical; afterall Arab strength stems also from Islamic strength. If the wbole Islamic world, the Arab countries included, can speak with one tongue and act with one beart on issues of war and peace touching the Palestine case, so much the better. Indeed, the interests of both the Islamic and Arab countries are so interwoven and interlinked that they have become indivisible. And much of what applies to the occupied Arab territories applies with equal vigour and relevancy to the Gulf war. The fact that two Islamic countries are still waging a most

bloody and devastating war on one another for over eight years augus very ominously for the general Islamic state of affairs. With all candour, the continuation of the war has done more dishonour and disgrace to the Muslim Umma than anything else that occurred in the recent and distant past. To be sure the perpetuation of the war for so long is a serious reflection of the abyss and degeneration that have afflicted the Islamic people everywhere. The war per se is alien to every notion and principle in Islam and violates every cardinal tenet and canon ensbrined in the Holy Koran. This sacri legious war must be stopped forthwith and must be brought to an end by the Islamic world itself rather than by other fora or institution whether regional, international or otherwise. It is the greatest calamity of all for the Islamic Umma to seek an end to this internecine war, which bas claimed the lives of millions of Muslims form both sides of the fence, from alien organisations and fora when they bave available to them an Islamic organisation in the form of the Organisation of Islamic Coaference ready and able to resolve such an inter-Islamic conflict. The first order of business for the foreign ministers of the Islamic countries should be therefore to reestablish jurisdiction over the Iran-Iraq war and then to proceed to its adjudication in accordance with the dictates of Islamic jurisprudence. In this vein, the good offices of Saudia Arabia, Algeria, Pakistan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates should be once again animated, reinforced and fortified with a more determined religious and political will in order to bridge the gap between the two belligerent Islamic states. For that purpose, one can propose an interim ceasefire, whether de jure or mere de facto in order to allow time for the creation of the necessary climate and state of mind on both sides of the fence for the ultimate resolution of the wbole dispute. The declaration of any such ceasefire could be made by the Organisation of Islamic Conference and independently of the positions of the warring countries. Both Iran and Iraq would be called upon in the name of the Almighty to stop the lighting forthwith and accept to engage in negotiations under the aegis of the Islamic organisation. The Organisation of Islamic conference would issue invitations to the two parties to begin the process of negotiations on the basis of Islamic brotherbood. Other countries in the region could be also invited to attend any such negotiations.

With the Gulf war out of the way and the Palestinian case on the road of just and durable settlement, the Organisation of Islamic Conference would have the time and energy to concentrate on other pressing issues and conflicts which await their turn for

Shultz on the U.S. plan:

'U.S. backs direct negotiations, open for other options'

By George P. Shultz

The following article by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz appeared on the opinion page of the March 18 Washington Post.

THERE are few fixed rules for resolving conflicts. Each conflict has a unique history and unique characteristics. Each party to a conflict has its own dreams, concerns and fears. The task is to find the right inducements to draw the parties off the battlefield and into the negotiating room. The success of negotiations is attributable not to a particular procedure chosen but to the readiness of the parties to exploit opportunities, confront hard choices and make fair and

In the Arab-Israeli conflict, negotiations work. They provide the means for parties to learn to deal with each other. They produce durable and realistic agreements that meet the fundamental concerns of the parties. Experience shows that Arabs and Israelis can make agreements and keep them.

The United States has launched an initiative designed to produce negotiations - direct, bilateral Arab-Israeli negotiations to achieve comprehensive peace. Our concept is based on all the provisions and principles of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242, which is the internationally accepted framework for negotiations. In the case of the West Bank and Gaza, the initiative involves a two-stage interlocked set of negotiations designed to produce rapid and fundamental change in the way Arabs and Israelis relate to each

The United States is a firm and consistent supporter of direct, bilateral negotiations between Israel and all of its neighbours as the means to achieve a comprehensive peace. At the same time, the United States has always been willing to consider any approach that could lead to direct negotiations, including an international

In recent months, some parties have focused on a specific kind of international conference - one that would have an authoritative role or plenipotentiary powers. In January of this year, the United States vetoed a resolution in the U.N. Security Council that called upon the secretary general to convene such a conference. The United States made clear its belief that this kind of conference would make real negotiations impossible. It would be a vehicle for

avoiding meaningful negotiations, not promoting them.

The issue confronting the parties in the Middle East, therefore, is not whether an international conference should or should not be convened. That misses the point. The Arabs require a conference to launch negotiations; without a properly structured conference, there will be no negotiations. But the wrong kind of conference should never be convened. The United States will not attend that kind of conference. No sovereign state would agree to attend the kind of conference that would presume to pass judgment on issues of national security.

The issue is whether the moment is here to negotiate an end to the Arab Israeli conflict; whether each party is ready and able to confront hard choices and make difficult decisions; and whether the requirements of the parties are amenable to a procedural blend that satisfies minimal demands. The strength of the American approach is its integrity: No individual aspect of it can be extracted, finessed or ignored without sacrificing its balance. The conference we support launches a series of bilateral negotiations and thereafter may receive reports from the parties on the status of negotiations, in a manner to be agreed by the parties.

All conference attendees will be required to accept Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, and to tenounce violence and terrorism. The conference will be specifically enjoined from intruding in the negotiations, imposing solutions or vetoing what had been agreed bilaterally.

The United States is committed to this integral concept for beginning direct, bilateral negotiations. We will not permit any aspect of our proposal to be eroded, compromised or expanded beyond its meaning. In particular, we will not permit a conference to become authoritative or plenipotentiary, or to pass judgments on the negotiations, or to exceed its jurisdiction as agreed by the parties.

The ingredients for a peace process are present. There is an unacceptable and untenable status quo. There are competing parties willing to shed illusions and temper dreams to the underlying realities. And there are realistic and achievable ideas on the table that meet the fundamental concerns of everyone. Our task is also clear. We must act with integrity, resolve and

tenacity to bring Arabs and Israelis off the battlefield and into negotiations. The initiative put forward by the United States - two interlocked stages of direct negotiations launched by a properly structured international conference — is realistic and compelling. This is the moment for a historic breakthrough, and this is the

plan. The time for decisions is now.

So the world can't say: We didn't know

By Fuad Farradi

Member of Parliament, Jerusalem/Jericho district

ISRAEL was amongst the first to sign and ratify the Geneva Conventions on August 12, 1949. It is sad to note that these conventions, which were specifically formulated to prevent the recurrence of crimes of which the Jews were the unhappy victims during the Second World War, are today being transgressed and grossly violated by these very same people.

It is a bitter irony of fate that the victims of today, the

Palestinians, have had no links with the perpetrators of yesterday's crimes. And it is to the prejudice of these innocent victims that the sons of yesterday's victims commit today these crimes, which

vengeance itself cannot excuse. It is due to these excesses in the exercise of these violations, during the past twenty years, and to the continued denial of their right of self-determination, and of other basic human rights guaranteed for all individuals under the Declaration of Human Rights, that the

Palestinian Arabs are in revolt today against the occupying power. So far, the international media has shown beyond any shadow of doubt how the Israelis are violating accepted buman rights

principles. Is the breaking of bones of two Palestinian Arabs, during a saga that lasted for 40 minutes, in line with the proviso of article 32 of the fourth Geneva Convention, which states, inter alia, "... The High Contracting Parties specifically agree that each of them is prohibited from taking any measure of such character as to cause the physical suffering or extermination of protected persons in their hands..."? Is the burial alive of four Palestinian youths in line with this

Also, whereas Article 33 prohibits collective punishment, yet the Israelis resort to such measures by cutting off water, electricity and telecommunications to whole towns, villages and camps in retalia-

As long as the media brings these violations to the attention of the world community, pressure could always be brought on Israel to

The new imminent danger arises now from the policy advocated by Henry Kissinger, calling upon Israel "to bar the media from

entry into the territories involved in the present demonstrations, accept the short-term criticism of the world press for such conduct. and put down the insurrection as quickly as possible - overwhel-

mingly, brutally and rapidly."

The Israelis are now toying with the idea and implementing it piece-meal, However, if Ariel Sharon becomes minister of defence, a strong probability if the Likud succeeds in forming a government alone, or with the support of the smaller religious parties, then he is sure to implement this drastic policy by using collective punishment amongst other measures, as he declared to Israel Radio on March

Why should the Palestinians be the sucrificial lamb, to make amends for the atrocities committed against the Jews during World War II, to which the Palestinians were never party?

Are we going to wait until such a genocide happens, and then lament the dead after the fact? Or do we do something about it now, to prevent such a der-lopment?

This is the time for all those who believe in a lasting peace to make every effort to bring pressure on Israel to abide by the principles accepted by the civilised world community, as manifested in the Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Convention of 1949, The Hague Convention, and the U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, for without such respect there will never be lasting peace in

In particular, I call upon government and public and private institutions throughout the Arab and Islamic world - whose representatives are gathered here in Amman this week — to launch a sustained and vigorous public information campaign directed at their counterparts and colleagues around the world. The Palestinians are potential victims of a creeping genocide at the hands of Israeli militants who are obsessed with the use of force. We must bring this fact to the attention of the rest of the world --- so that the world cannot respond to a future Israeli massacre of Palestinians with the excuse that "we didn't know."

We do know, and we must make sure the whole world knows. Let us 'Love now, before it is too late.

Human aspirations know no boundaries

By Abdul Raheem Omar sopbers, intellectuals, poets,

The writer is a leading Jordanian poet. He is currently participating in a poetry festival io Bhopal,

IT WAS real pleasure for me to receive the kaynote paper by the eminent Indian poet Jayantra Mahapatra while I was still in Jordan. I had time to read the paper and to make what may be considered as a personal state-

We, poets as well as citizens, belonging to this great continent of Asia, with its great civilisations and deep-rooted cultures, cannot get out of our skins, and abandon our heritage. This great heritage, which we are proud of as the gift of fathers and past generations is greatly enriched by the most ancient and continuous experiment of mankind on this planet.

So, we have our own cultore. our own beliefs, as well as our own creative mood. But I believe that the specific characteristics of many civilisations in our time greatly differ from those of old times. Not only because through the ages and the succession of many civilisations of the past; ours were to a certain extent assimilated into a global one backed by the gigantic achievements of man on our planet and the space around, but also because the continuous struggle of mankind against nature bad resulted into remarkable victories. that cancelled the historical and eventually the intellectual effect of geographic barriers and abolished the effect of mysterious phenomena of nature that used to dominate buman thoughts. Added to this, the vast realm of knowledge acquired by thousands and thousands of scientists, philo- Abdul Raheem Omar

creative people and artists who roamed around the world searching, inspiring and adding new knowledge to the benefit of all buman generations to come. So in the world of today, one cannot be very accurate if one speaks about pure Arab, Persian, Indian or Turkish civilisation, omitting the importance of interweaving of cultures and civilisations in this age of the space and communication revolution. Certainly there is in every one's life that great moment of discovery, that mo-



vision to a person whether a poet. a philosopher or a scientist. A moment which makes "Eurica" an everlasting echo in his or her life. A moment that plays the major role in classifying him or ber as a poet who writes for the establishment or for continuous changing realities of life. Indeed, we feel free when we write our poems, and for a certain moment we are possessed by the joy of creation. Our poems are our own creatures, and at the moment we create them we relax. But this is only a glimpse after which a feeling of new responsibility imposes itself upon us. The poem is both an exercise of freedom and a

burden at the same time. I write my poem, simply, because I feel the urge of necessity for writing. The process of writing is always preceded by a kind of tension which, I believe, is a symptom of deep inner struggle that takes place between covenes. thoughts, ideas and rhythm, on one hand, and language, prosody and other elements of the poem on the other. This tension is a symptom of another struggle waged between a poet's conscience on one side and the social confinements and restrictions of all kinds which he is supposed notto surpass. It is also the symptom of an inner debate going on be-tween the poet and himself on the question: "For whom am I writing this new poem? For me to enjoy a feeling of unique talents, or to obtain any kind of reward? Am I daring to answer an unanswerable question which had map that indicates the directions been echoing deep in my soul a of the natural movement of hislong time ago? Or is it because I tory. The poet-is destined to want to tell others in a poetic way observe them first, and to uncov-something which they are either or them for all

ment which brings both hope and forbidden to know or they were

misinformed about? The commencement of the writing process is in itself a declaration of liberating both the poet and the poem from the different kinds of chains that

caused that tension before writing. Liberating both the poet and the poem is usually followed by a kind of feeling that makes the poet transparent, benign, lonely and maintaining several channels of communications with the world around, which be deprived of all its barriers of time, place darkness, pain, and laws. A transcendent world, invented by the poet, and is reflected in the poem in which a poet is bealed for a time from the feeling of depression which he or she toler ates. And the poem becomes a source of renewable feeling of freedom through its frequently repeated readings, frequent compositions and frequent dis-

I used to ask myself this question frequently: Is the fate of man in our times a product of both his society and earth, or is it destined by unseen powers? And since was convinced that the responsibility for the victim is an earthly one, and it lays upon the society, I considered it my first duty to have a part in efforts made to prevent the increment of sins and sinners, prevent existence of more oppressors and victims and prevent more pain to be inflicted

In the words of Percy Shelley: There are vague lines on the

ADC seeks details of Shamir's terrorist background and to put him on 'watch list'

WASHINGTON (J.T.) — The American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has sued Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) has sned five U.S. government agencies seeking access to documents pertaining to Israeli Prime Minister Yinhak Shanin's involvement in terrorist activities as part of the infamous Stern Gang.

In a letter dated March 10 and addressed to Attorney General Edwin Meese, ADC further requested that Shanir be placed on the border watch list in his capacity as a private citizen.

Following is the text of the letter.

By virtue of the authority vested in you as attorney general we respectfully request that you place the name of Israeli Prime Minister Yitshak Shamir (a.k.a. Yitzhak Yzemitisky) on the border

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Shamir (a.k.a. Yitzhak Yzernitsky) on the border watch list" and order him excludable m his personal capacity from entering the United States pursuant to Section 212 of the Immigration and Naturalisation Act.

The basis for this request rests on the long history and involvement of Shamir as a leader of

the infamous Stern Gang (LEHI organisation) which was responsible for numerous acts of terror-

of British High Commissioner Sir Harold Mac-Michael in Tel Aviv;

— 2. The Nov. 6, 1944 attempted assassination of the British Minister Resident in the Middle East, Lord Moyne (Sir Walter Guinness in Cairo, -3. The April 9, 1948 massacre of 254 unarmed

civilians at the Arab village of Deir Yassin; and, - 4. The Sept. 17, 1948 murder of United Nations mediator Count Folke Bernadotte in

Given the established precedent decisions by the United States government, including recent ac-tions by your nifice, we are confident that you will apply the same standards in this case, especially given the proven and heinous nature of the crimes involved.

Maghreb pact anniversary passes without Libya

TUNIS (R) — The fifth No reason was given anniversary of a Maghreb pact Qadhafi's insistence seen by its three signatories as a step towards a wider regional power bloc slipped by Saturday without the hoped-for membership by Libya.

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Algeria, which signed the nonaggression treaty with Tunisia and Mauritania in 1983, had campaigned strenuously in the past few months to woo Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi into joining

the treaty.

After widespread press spe-culation about a four-nation Maghreb summit marking the pact, the anniversary was contras-

tingly low key. Even plans for a meeting involving existing member states fell through.

Manritanian President Maaouya Ould Sid'ahmed Taya, who was to have joined Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali, and the number two in Algeria's ruling party, Moham-mad Cherif Messaadia, abruptly put off a visit to Tunis this week.

Qadhafi's insistence on doing away with national frontiers as a last-minute public condition for joining the treaty provided one major obstacle to widening the

Tunisian government officials made clear this and other Libyan conditions would have to be studied in depth as the pact is based on respect for national borders

and sovereignty.

Tunisian concern that Morocco would be a major Maghreb partner left out in the cold if Libya joined was another stumbling block.

Tunisia's stand prompted speculation that it was trying to mediate between Algeria and Morocco over the 12-year-old Western Sahara war, in which Algiers-backed Polisario guerril-las are fighting for the independence of the territory from Rabat.

Bnt a senior Foreign Ministry official in Tunis cautioned: "We do not think we are acting as mediators ... there is no technical

He told Reuters that Tunis was simply making constant efforts to reconcile the two neighbours and stressed that United Nations efforts were continuing to try to reach a settlement on the future of the Western Sahara.

Algeria acknowledged that the Western Sahara conflict was an obstacle to widening the 1983 treaty in a commentary published this week by the official APS

news agency.

But it raised a new issue, alleging that "the existence of foreign military bases on Moroccan territory" also presented a problem. Morocco denies there are any

The pact is also seen as a basis for greater economic cooperation, in the form of a common market, among members.

The treaty, signed March 19, 1983 in Tunis, came after Tunisia accused Libya of training Tunisian rebel commandos who came via Algeria to stage a bloody raid on the southern Tunisian mining town of Gafsa in 1980.



An Israeli soldier pulls a Palestinian girl under arrest in Ramallah as she holds onto the uniform of a second soldier (right). The soldier at right hits an

elderly Palestinian woman with his club as she attempts to pull the girl away. The girl was arrested after a stone-throwing demonstration.

Palestinian activists go hiding

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Several Palestinian activists, fearing further arrests under a widening crackdown against the uprising in the occupied territor-ies, are sleeping away from their homes, Palestinian sources say.

At least 100 Palestinians have been seized during the past 72 hours in night swoops by Israeli troops intent on ending the uprising, now in its fourth month. Military authorities in the occupied territories have stepped up measures aimed at preventing widespread protests on two key anniversaries this month.

Israel Radio has reported that 200 Palestinians held in a Gaza tests on Land Day, the March 30 prison camp have been moved to anniversary of the deaths of six more room at the Gaza facility. against land confiscation.

ership has declared Monday a day of "fierce confrontation" with Israeli forces to mark the 20th anniversary of an Israeli raid on Palestinians at Al Karameh.

Israeli forces also expect pro a jail in the Nagab desert to make Arabs in a 1976 demonstration

PLO mission hopes to win time at U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), under U.S. orders to shut its U.N. mission Monday, hopes to delay the closure through legal manoeuvres, Arab officials said

Perez de Cuellar, who protested that the order violated a signed agreement between the world body and the United States, has been urged by apponents of the closure to raise the matter in the U.S. federal court.

But Clovis Maksoud, U.N. representative of the Arah League, said a likelier course was an appeal by the PLO's lawyers for federal court jurisdiction in the dispute. He told reporters this might win a 20-day suspension of the closure.

An injunction could then be sought to stay further the enforcement of the 1987 U.S. "antiterrorism" act, under which the Justice Department has been directed to close the mission by March 21.

Ramsey Clark, a former U.S. attorney general, is advising the PLO, Maksoud said.

The General Assembly, due to resume an emergency debate on the questinn Monday, is expected to adopt a resolution criticising the United States for showing disrespect for the 1947 accord that established U.N. headquarters in New York.

American authorities then undertook to facilitate the entry and functioning of those invited by the United Nations to take part in its work.

The General Assembly invited

U.N. Secretary General Javier the PLO to set up a U.N. missinn in 1974. It was never granted diplomatic immunity.

U.S. delegate Herbert Okun, announcing that the mission must close, said the order was irrespec-tive of U.S. obligations to the United Nations.

Perez de Cuellar has proposed binding arbitration, but Okun said that would not be useful. The World Court has been asked to rule whether arbitration is mandatory under the headquarters agreement, but a decision could take weeks.

The dispute has worsened the uneasy relations between the United Nations and its host country. The U.S. Congress has withheld more than \$200 million in U.N. funding despite changes in U.N. hudgeting designed to meet its

Some U.N. diplomats, eager to make a dramatic reprisal gesture. have suggested holding a General Assembly session in Geneva or

Others said this might exacer-bate the crisis, predicting that the United States would boycott such a session and the Congress would then be even more reluctant to loosen its purse strings.

Senior U.N. officials said the world body could not afford the beavy expense of leaving New

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King meets Habib, Abdul Meguid

Jordan's formal reply to the U.S. "Israel's coalition government is peace plan-to Habib. split over the idea of a conference." It's still too early," the official ence. Foreign Minister Shimon

told Reuters. Habib arrived from Cairo deeply opposed.
where he discussed the U.S. in"Israelis have no reason whatitiative with Mubarak.

"There are very clear time factors involved and we are pursuing it with all the attention and seriousness that the problem of making peace in this part of the world deserves," Habib told re-

The U.S. proposals call for an international conference next month, but Habib indicated no dates had been fixed. "I am not going to predict a particular event bappening at particular moments," he said after an hour of talks with Mnbarak.

Habib was also due to visit Saudi Arabia and Morocco Habib said in Cairo that Israeli

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. who discussed the peace plan in. Washington last week, bad not rejected it, as his public comments often appear to indicate. "Shamir did not say no," he

said, recalling a remark by Reagan that any leader wbo turned down the U.S. ideas would have to answer to his own

by Reagan and Shultz that the peace proposals would not be "cut up into pieces" and remained unchanged. "We are pursuing them with vigour and with careful consulta-

Habib also echoed statements

tions with our friends, and with the understanding that this is an ongoing process," he said.

Shamir bas 'peace' idea

In New York, Shamir said be had a peace proposal that would satisfy both Palestinian and Israeli concerns but held out for direct peace talks with the Arabs rather than an international peace conference.

"I'm sure that there is a posi-tion that could satisfy the Palestinians and not be contradictory to Israeli convictions," Shamir said in a television interview recorded Saturday and broadcast Sunday. "Let us go to negotiations,

Sbamir said when asked what his plan was. Asked if be had a specifie

proposal in mind, Shamir said: "I have, I have."

Eban favours int'l talks

In Brussels, former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban Sunday urged an international conference on the future of the occupied territories and said their present status was untenable.

He told an international forum arranged by a Brussels Jewish group: "We all want peace, we all want a degree of mutual recognition and we all regard the status quo as untenable and intoler-

split over the idea of a confer-cial ence. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres supports it while Shamir is ever to have a demonological or

apocalyptic view of such a conference." Eban said. He said Israeli public opinion was shifting. "Many who were totally complacent two months ago are no longer talking like that. The intolerability of the

status quo is becoming part of national consciousness. Eban said Palestinian representation was the central issue and Israel had to recognise the Palestinian negotiating position had changed. "We really must learn to take 'yes' for an answer."

Eban added: "All formulas put forward until now will have to be re-examined because as they stand they are an obstacle. We are all being strangled by our

Eban paid tribute to Hanna Siniora, editor of Al Fajr, who he said had helped change the image of Palestinian national thinking. Earlier, Siniora had told the conference the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) of 1988 was not the PLO of 1964.

inhibitions."

Siniora told Reuters: "The security of Israel depends on the national aspirations of the Palestinian people. To bring peace forward, representatives of both parties, the Israeli government and the PLO, should talk." The European Community provided premises for the three-

day forum, entitled "Give Peace a Chance. Meanwhile, a resolution before the American Jewish Congress

(AJC) repeating its call for Israel to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza underlines its difference with Shamir. "The position taken by our organisation obviously is not in

accord with that taken hy Mr. Shamir this past week," said Andrea Binder, a spokeswoman for the American Jewish Congress, which opened a meeting in Philadelphia Sunday. "We issued a statement in

September which called for territorial compromise and endorsed an international peace conference. The resolution that will be voted on next week will reaffirm (the earlier) resolution," she said prior to the gathering. Another resolution will en-

dorse the Shultz plan. A third resolution will "discuss Arab and specifically Palestinian

intransigence in coming to the negotiating table," she said. Shamir's visit is expected to be discussed throughout the fourday convention, which will be attended by about 400 to 500 delegates. The American Jewish Congress has 50,000 members. | dates, Palestinians said.

OIC conference opens today vened in Kahul in 1979.

The PLO delegation to the meeting is headed by Farouq Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Affairs Department. According to Arab diplomats

ministers will unite in condemning Israel for its handling of the uprising in which over 100 Palestinians have died, and will pledge money for the uprising. They said the OIC would also endorse the idea of an interna-

tional U.N.-sponsored conference to work out a just and comprehensive settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Iran-Iraq war, in which the combatants — both OIC mem-

bers — have rained missiles on each other's capitals for the past three weeks, may once again prove an intractable issue. Iran, which boycotted last

year's OIC summit in Kuwait, has sent a delegation headed by Sheikh Mohammad Ali Al Tashkiri, an official at the Islamic Guidance (Information) Ministry.

It was not known whether the OIC would revive a mediation committee which has tried several times to make peace between Tehran and Baghdad.

Conference sources told Reuter the Iranian and Iraqi delegations clashed at a preparatory session Saturday, when Iraq proposed that the OIC discuss reports of emigration by Iranian Jews to Israel via Pakistan.

Arab diplomats said Iran would also resist any move by Saudi Arabia to secure a resolution condemning last July's vio-lence involving Iranian pilgrims in the Holy City of Mecca. Afghanistan's OIC seat will be

Muslim minorities in Bulgaria and the Philippines will try to use the OIC conference as a platform to press their demands.

Mini-summit planned

Meanwhile, Kuwait announced quoted by Reuter, OIC foreign Sunday that it planned to host a mini-summit of Islamic leaders in April to bolster backing of the Palestinians in the occupied terri-

> Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed made the announcement after a weekly cahinet meeting and said Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah would host the meeting in his capacity as OIC chairman.

He said the meeting would be held April 10-11. It would group members of the OIC's permanent bureau - King Hassan II of Morocco, the presidents of Pakistan, Turkey, Senegal, Gabon and the Maldives, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

"The meeting will review the performance of joint Islamic ac-tion in light of the resolutions of the 5th Islamic conference and means of overcoming obstacles hindering Islamic cooperation,' Rashed said

The last OIC summit was held in January 1987 in Knwait. An official source quoted by the AP said high on the agenda would be Islamic support of the "Palestinian people's endeavours to put an end to occupation of Al

The Islamic leaders also will try to speed up action to hring the Iran-Iraq war to an end, he added.

The sources noted that the summit was likely to be a followup to an emergency Arab summit expected to be held in early empty. Its membership was sus-April, either in Algeria or pended after Soviet troops inter-

Mujahedeen seek recognition

(Continued from page 1) envoy Mikhail Sytenko in Am-man Saturday. The King also received OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzada to discuss a resolution welcoming Moscow's pledge to pull its troops out of

Sytenko and Pirzada met separately to discuss what resolution might be adopted by the OIC, which has long demanded a Soviet withdrawal, conference

sources said.

fiscation.

Israeli soldier shot dead

two Palestinians suspected of attacking alleged collaborators with Israel.

Arrest campaign

(Continued from page 1)

Troops in the occupied territories, condemned worldwide for using beatings and bullets, seized hundreds of Palestinians in three successive night swoops aimed at preventing protests on two key

The dates are Monday, declared a day of "fierce confrontation" by the nprising's leadership, and March 30, known as "Land Day," the anniversary of the deaths of six Arabs in a 1976 demonstration against land con-

An Israeli army spokeswoman said a military base north of Jerusalem was being used as a makeshift detention centre for Palestinians,

Baghdad stays calm amid 'war of cities'

Reuter

BAGHDAD — Minutes after a missile hits, the rooftops of Baghdad fill with black-robed women and men in suits scanning the horizon for signs of smoke.

Birds shriek in frantic circles overhead. Telephone calls crisscross the city as Baghdadis consult: How loud was it? Do you know where it fell? Is the family all right?

The deadly three-week-old "war of the cities" between Iran and Iraq puts much of this city of four million people on edge with each thud of a landing Iranian missile. But the tension appears to vanish quickly and Baghdad reverts to

a remarkable calm, toughened perhaps by 71/2 years of war. In delectable spring weather, lovers stroll along the banks of the Tigris, muddy and swollen after the heaviest rains in 30 years. Soldiers, identifiable only by their close cropped hair, pour out

of downtown rinemas on their weekend home leave. Young Iraqi men not at home watching their national soccer team snatch the Gulf Arab Cup in Riyadh Friday play their own game in the wide grass fields of Zawra park.

This is the way we live. There have been a number of rockets thrown at Baghdad but yet life is normal," Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Abdul Rahim Al Chalahi told Reuters.

"Things never change because we don't care. Birds possibly just for a few minutes fly hectically but life's normal everywhere." Iran has rocked Baghdad with some 30 missiles since Feb. 29 while Iraq has slammed around 100 into Tehran and other Iranian cities in an attempt to force Iran to accept a United Nations

Tehran says more than 300 Iranians been killed and over 1,000 wounded in the cities war.

Iraq does not release casualty figures but Western diplomats there put total casualties at a low 50 dead or wounded. Baghdad residents too say most Iranian missiles land away from the centre. cutting the toll and contributing to the casual air.

"It's annoying to get jolted out of bed at night," said 20-year-old taxi driver Mahmoud. "But we're used to it now," Residents say there have been only isolated cases of people fleeing to escape the danger, unlike the southern city of Basra where unrelenting Iranian shelling has emptied many areas.

Impatience with war

Baghdadis in many parts of the city express impatience with the war's duration but exude confidence, "The army is strong, morale is high. All Iraqis together are steadfast," said Fouad, a university student visiting friends in a bustling market near the historic Kazhemiyah mosque.

Kazhemiyah is the hurial place of two immams of the Shi'ite sect and Iran has declared it safe from attack. Residents there say they sometimes do not even hear the bombardments which almost daily over the last three weeks have underlined to citizens elsewhere in The arrival of spring eased the winter-long threat of a big new

Iranian offensive against Basra, and in another month scorehing heat will all but rule it out until November. Western diplomats say Iran appears beset by internal issues and

has had trouble mobilising enough men. Unprecedented diplomatic support abroad and a clear edge in the air- and missile-war have also boosted Iraqi morale.

"There is a confidence that wasn't there before," a diplomat said. "With its new missiles, Iraq has been able to equalise an advantage the Iranians previously had."

The missile factor

Diplomats and military analysts believe Iraq is firing Soviet Scud-B ground-to-ground missiles, modified with boosters to hring Tehran, 600 kilometres away, within range for the first time. Iran has said that malfunctioning missiles recovered in Tehran showed the warhead reduced to one-fifth of the design payload.

Iran has long heen able to fire ordinary Scud-B's into Baghdad from the battlefront less than 160 kilometres to the east. But diplomats say the relatively slow pace of Iran's reprisals suggests it could be nearing the end of its stockpile.

Iran has stepped up shelling of border towns and poured more troops into hattle on the northern front.





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Gulf Arab petrochemical producers to consider establishing joint fleet

BAHRAIN (R) — Gulf petrochemical producers will hold their first conference Monday to coordinate policies and study proposals to start a joint fleet to avoid high shipping fees, industry officials said.

"Shipping costs reached an un- products." Al Saved said. acceptable level and we are seriously studying setting up a company to transport our prosaid Mustafa Al Sayed, general manager of the Bahrainhased Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC).

Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have spent billions of dollars huilding petrochemical industries and they

are planning to expand. The seven-year-old GCC will hold the three-day meeting in Abu Dhahi to discuss production and marketing policies and proposals to start a joint fleet.

"The feeling is all around... we look at it from a commercial point of view, it is more economical for us to transport our tankers.

CARACAS (R) — The Reagan administration made clear Sun-

day that it will oppose new fund-

ing for the Inter-American De-

velopment Bank until the agency

agrees to profound changes in its

A brief statement by Allen

Wallis, U.S. undersecretary of

state for economic affairs, torpe-

doed any hope that the two-year-

old funding dispute between the

United States and the Latin

American dehtor countries would

tion this year, next year or the year after," Wallis said as he

arrived in Caracas for the bank's

annual meeting, which opens for-

"It is not just the Treasury, the

State Department, the White

House. It is the entire administra-

tion that is absolutely firm in the

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be resolved quickly.

mally Monday.

ing," he said.

The economic and defence alliance includes Saudi Arabia which alone needs about 140 tankers to carry its 3.5-milliontonne annual production of pet-

Bahrain, another GCC memher, exports 700,000 ionnes a year and needs a tanker a week to ship its products while Kuwait. yei another member of the grouping, manufactures over a million

rochemicals.

The GCC also includes Oman. the United Arah Emirates (UAE) and Qatar.

Al Sayed said there were different alternatives and the group is still exploring whether to purchase, charter or huild their own

cials have appeared to hold out

an olive hranch, saying they

favoured giving the hank's presi-

dent-elect, Uruguayan Finance

Minister Enrique Iglesias, a

chance to discuss divisive issues

with the Latin countries and then

mally on April 1, is considered a

master mediator of long experi-

lglesias, who takes office for-

On his arrival Saturday for the

meeting, attended by economic

leaders from Latin America,

Asia, the United States and

Europe, Iglesias said: "I think

this meeting in Caracas should

pave the way for a new institution

He told Reuters: "We are very

aware that this is a difficult mo-

ment hut we are hopeful because

we think all members of the bank

want the same thing: A vigorous,

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet trade nal Vneshnyaya Torgovlya 3.1 per cent compared with 1986,

West in 1987 dropped by about cial figures.

active and efficient institution.'

that unites us all.

10 arrange new funding talks.

U.S. stands firm against new funding

for Inter-American Development Bank

ments, however, top U.S. offi-that agreement for a \$23 billion

the past year, why are the fees so high when there is an over supply of ships," he added.

Insurance and tanker fees are high for the Gulf where Iraq and Iran, at war since 1980, attack ships in the waterway.

One shipping expert said it would be more feasible for the GCC to set up a chartering company which could lease the tankers out when they are not in use.

Al Sayed said the petrochemical market was now stable after reaching a low point in December 1986. He anticipated a rise in demand, making it safe for the group to consider starting a fleet. "It's an upward trend and it

will continue to be so till 1992. We have a wide market and if we have our own ships we can put them to good and full use," he

The oil-rich GCC states have suffered from the swings in the oil market and see a future in ex-

refunding of the bank could be

completed soon, allowing it to

take a greater role in regional

the hank should earmark some

funds for economic reform in the

region, rather than have it all go

on fundamental development

such as roads, sewers and dams.

sought procedures that would

give it more say over who re-

ceives loans and under what con-

The Reagan administration

wants to see dehtors do more to

market-orient their economies,

Washington is increasingly

preoccupied with economic and

political issues in Latin America.

The deht crisis has resisted easy

solutions since it surfaced over

To this has been added political

The Soviet Union had been in

surplus of 1.7 hillion roubles

such as reducing subsidies.

five years ago.

The Lann countries had hoped upheaval in Panama and a con-

with the West was in the black in showed a Soviet trade surplus falling to 28.06 billion roubles. Union was apparently cutting

with the developed industrial (\$46.86 billion) from 28.96 billion world of more than 312 million roubles (\$48.36 billion).

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There had been a deficit of 2.72 the red with the West every year

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Soviets register trade surplus with West

Bul the United States has

The countries had agreed that

panding their petrochemicals in-

The UAE has plans to enter the field of petrochemicals while Saudi Arabia is opening up its petrochemical industry to the private sector to further increase production.

GPIC, meanwhile, is involved in a \$20 million expansion plan to increase output by 20 per cent by the end of the year.

The GCC offers a competitive price for its petrochemicals in comparison to other producers and the group is involved in complex talks with the European Community (EC) to reach a free-trade accord between the two

economic groups.

Some EC members are against the accord and fear it could lead to a flooding of their markets of cheap GCC petrochemicals harming European producers.

Community officials said last month an agreement could be

troversial decision by President Reagan to send 3,200 American

troops to Honduras because of a

reported border crossing by sol-

The meeting of the bank's 44

member countries hrings together

over 2.000 officials from govern-

ments, commercial banks, invest-

ment firms and other internation-

al financial institutions. The for-

mal session runs from Monday to

At a meeting of officials Saturday, the bank's number two,

Michael Curtin, said he was pre-

pared to stand down for James

Conrow, an assistant secretary at

But Conrow, who has overseen

the development banks at the

Treasury, has been a harsh critic

of the bank's activities and the

U.S. decision to press for his

nomination has angered some

Latin countries and further di-

Foreign analysts said the Soviet

back Western imports because of

reduced revenues from the raw

materials it exports, especially

The journal said fuel energy exports to the West had fallen by 1.8 per cent compared with 1986,

but gave no hreakdown of fi-

Imports from Western countries in 1987 totalled 13.87 billion roubles (\$23.16 billion), a fall of

1.98 billion roubles (\$3.31 bil-

lion), or about 12.5 per cent com-

pared with 1986, the figures

Exports to the West totalled 14.18 billion rouhles (\$23.68 billion), an increase of 1.08 billion

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Tabbaa, Hamzeh receive Finnish economic group

AMMAN (Petra) — A 20-member Finnish economic delegation conferred here Sunday with Industry, Trade and Supply Minister Hamdi Tahbaa on economic and tourist cooperation between Finland and Jordan.

The head of the visiting delegation said that Finland will be willing to import Jordanian products and was interested in conducting feasibility studies on joint ventures.

He said that the delegation, which includes representatives of the private sector in Finland, will further discuss these issues with the Jordanian chambers of industry and trade.

The delegation leader also proposed that a joint Jordanian-Finnish committee be set up to discuss means of bolstering hilateral cooperation in economic and trade matters.

Tabbaa briefed the delegation on Jordan's development programmes and the facilities, exemptions and incentives offered to investors in the kingdom.

Tabbaa also said that Jordan would like to export its cement, phosphate and potash as well as fruit and vegetables to Finland.

The minister said that Jordan would welcome cooperation with Finland in various fields, especially in Finnish expertise in the timber industry which Jordan needs for its timber and wood factory in Aqaba.

Tabhaa also discussed with the ernment's easy term loan.

and Rural Affairs and Environ-ment Minister Yousef Hamdan

Ali Jaber has approved a JD

161,774 hudget for the Masharee

municipal council in the northern

Jordan Valley region. The funds

will finance road projects and

land purchases.

delegation the prospect of in-creasing Finnish tourist group visits to Jordan.

The Finnish delegation also met with Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and discussed with him hilateral cooperation in healthrelated fields.

Hamzeh briefed the visitors on his ministry's health and medical programmes and the primary health care project in the

The delegation members expressed readiness to launch Jordanian-Finnish cooperation in health fields and in providing Jordan with medical equipment. The delegation members were

later taken on a visit to the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) where they met Director General Mohammad Arafeh and other senior officials.

The two sides reviewed areas for mutual cooperation in energy and electricity and the prospect of exploiting shale oil found in Jordan for generating electricity.

They also discussed the prospect of manufacturing electrical appliances in Jordan with Finnish expertise and carrying out electrical engineering projects in Africa and the Middle East.

The JEA recently awarded a tender to a Finnish company for providing electrical equipment for transformer stations to be financed through a Finnish gov-

Tafileh district. The town's mayor Shawkat Rubeihat said

that the funds will be spent on

huilding "retaining" walls, roads

and purchasing land for public

The minister has also approved

a JD 248,688 tender for huilding

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Free Zones Corporation (JFZC) ment and its objectives.

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The health ministry here has awarded a tender to a local construction company to set up new huilding for the health department at the cost of JD 97,000. It also awarded another tender

Expert to lecture on privatisation

Al Jaber has also approved a and asphalting roads in Zarqa.

Minister approves budgets, tender

AMMAN (Petra) - Municipal JD 71,000 hudget for Eima in

utilities.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Dr. Sherry Stephenson of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Trade Department Monday lectures about "How Privatisation Works." according to a press release issued by the American Centre.

During her lecture, which will be held at the American Centre, Stephenson will speak about the economic benefits of privatisation and will address how potential drawbacks, such as unemploy-ment and concentration of wealth,

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Turnover was low again Sunday as only 172,500 shares changed hands for a volume of JD 276,605 covered by 286 transactions.

The following six companies accounted for about 70 per cent of the volume: The National Steel Industries (ID 41,009 for 14,350 shares over 26 contracts); the Jordan Cement Factories (JD 33,981 for 31,283 shares over 24 contracts); the Arah Aluminium Industries (JD 32,181 for 17,600 shares over 35 contracts); the Arab Bank (JD 31,638 for 280 shares over six contracts); the Cairo Amman Bank (ID 30,000 for 1,000 shares over one contract) and the Intermediate Petrochemical Industries (JD 24,643 for 16,950 shares spread over 29 contracts).

The Universal Chemical Industries and the Alaeddin Industries recorded a volume of JD 11,553 and JD 10,421 on shares totalling 6,850 and 7,650 respectively noting that the number of contracts was high at 30 and 20.

Prices were generally stable except for the Arab Bank, the Jordan French Insurance and the Universal Chemical Industries. The high and low price for each was JD 113.000-JD 112.750; JD 5.400-JD 5.300 and JD 1.730-JD 1.640.

Trading at the parallel market amounted to 41,593 shares for a value of JD 19.994.

A total of 1,004 development bonds changed hands for a total of JD 10,881.

NAF gives over JD 2 million in aid to 9,708 needy families

AMMAN (Petra) - National Aid Fund (NAF) Director Khalii Faouri said that during last year assistance totalling JD 2,139,344 was given to 9,708 needy families in Jordan.

He said that the NAF's resources were confined to the Jordanian treasury which offered the fund JD 2,193,950 in the same year. The NAF has been operating for only 18 months but its services have been reaching needy people around the country thorugh the

various centres in all regions, Faouri said. Some families, he added, receive up to JD 40 a month in financial assistance and NAF also helps needy families to start their own businesses and generate their own income.

Agricultural workshop begins

AMMAN (Petra) — A training addressed the participants in the workshop for workers employed week-long workshop. in the implementation of the Zarqa River Basin development pro- one of the higgest projects to be Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary-General Salem Al Lawzi.

The project, heing imlemented in cooperation with basin. the United Nations Development Programme and Arah and foreign ing a working plan for the diffefunds, is expected to cost JD 22 rent technical teams carrying out

Lawzi said that the project is

ject was opened Saturday by carried out hy the Ministry of Agriculture and it will affect a total area of 820,000 dunums of land at the lower part of the river

The workshop aims at preparmillion, according to Lawzi who the basic parts of the project.

Oudah lectures on free zones

Assistant Director-General Falah Qudah gave a lecture at the customs central office in Amman outlining the corporation's develop-

He also spoke about the exemptions from taxes and fees offered by the government to investments in the country and the role of the corporation in national development.

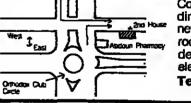
He said that a 1,500 dunum piece of land has been reserved along the sea shores of Agaba to huild the corporation's headquarters on it. and to serve for JFZC main operations.

Department of education completes building school in Mafraq region

MAFRAQ (Petra) — The department of education in Mafraq governorate has completed the construction of a preparatory school for girls at Balama town at the cost of JD 247,000. The school houses home science and for other activities.

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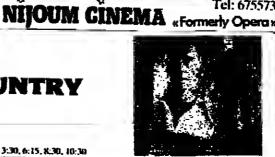
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Morocco reserves semifinals berth in Africa Nations Cup

CASABLANCA (R) — Host nation Morocco booked a place in the semifinals of the 16th Africa Nations Cup soccer tournament Saturday after drawing 0.0 with Ivory Coast.

Algeria and Ivory Coast must now draw lots for the second of the two Group A semifinal berths.

The result of the Morocco-Ivory Coast game gave the home side four points while Algeria and Ivory Coast both ended with three points and the same goal difference. Their pot-luck draw was scheduled for a Casablanca hotel at 2100 GMT

Morocco finished at the top of their group delighting the 80,000 crowd in the Mahamed Stadium with a solid all-round performance.

The defensive wall of Abdelmajid Lamris and Mataom Tijani never allowed the Ivorians an inch as the visitors sought revenge for a defeat here last

November in the Olympic qualifying tournament.

Tijani fought a tough duel with Ivory Coast attacking star Youssouf Fofana on the left.

He kept the so-called "Black Diamond" on a short leash, matching him for speed and beating him for aggression.

Fofana, caught in a tug-of-war hetween his club Monaco and the national team, broke loose once or twice and draw gasps of admiration with his

With 15 minutes to go he showed remarkable balance and control in carrying the ball 20 metres through the heart of the Moroccan defence before unleashing a strong shot.

In the Moroccan attack, Hachem El Gharef

came close twice in the second half. He shaved the crossbar shortly after the hreak

when he latched onto a cross from Lamris. The midfield battle was a tale of two players. For Morocco, it was St. Etienne star Mustapha El Haddaoui who tormented the Ivoriao defence with his surging runs and renowned shooting

After half an hour in the first half, he tested Ivorian goalkeeper Alain Gouamene with a shot from the edge of the box after winning the hall deep in midfield.

Ivory Coast's Oumar Ben Salah, a professional with French cloh Sete, kept traffic flowing io the Beo Salah did not play in Ivory Coast's first two

Earlier, Zaire were eliminated from the finals after being beaten 1-0 by Algeria, the Leopards' first defeat of the tournament.

Abdelkader Ferhaoui hit the winner in the 35th minute with a low drive from eight metres out. As winners of Group A, Morocco oow stay in Casablanca for the semifinal match. Ivory Coast or Algeria go to Rabat where they will meet Cameroun, Egypt or Nigeria. The Group B deciding matches will be played Sanday.

Frost to meet fellow-Dane in All-England Badminton final

in the other semi-final.

Frost, who beat Kurniawan in

last year's semifinals, woo the first game easily but had to battle in the second after trailing 7-2.

The Dane recovered, led 12-9

after some astonishing retrievals.

fell behind 13-12, then sprinted to

victory with six successive points.

here, seven straight finals and 10

straight semifinals," said Frost,

who would oot admit to over-

confideoce against Frederikseo

despite his record against com-

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (R)

- West German qualifier Sabine

Auer saved five match points and

upset an enraged Hana Mandli-

kova of Australia Saturday io the

\$2.1 million International Players

Mandlikova, seeded fourth,

ended the match by hitting a ball

at the lineswoman after receiving

a penalty point for throwing her

racket at the beginning of the

Mandlikova, whn threw an

obscenity-filled tantrum at the

U.S. Open last September, said

later she was so angry with the lineswoman that she did not re-

"I'm not sorry. It's unbeliev-

able that she missed that call. It

Tennis tournament.

final game.

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ment is over oow."

"I'm very proud of my record

LONDON (R) — Denmark's compatrint Zhong Yuli 11-5, 11-Morten Frost stood one match away from his fifth All-England Badmintoo title at Wembley Saturday after a battling semifinal victory against Indonesian Eddy

The oumber ooe seed's polished defensive skills carried him to a 15-5, 18-13 victory and into Sunday's final where he will meet countryman Ib Frederiksen, the first unseeded meo's singles finalist since Indonesian Christian Hadinata 15 years ago.

Frederiksen beat fellow-Dane and Wembley roommate, joint fifth seed Jens Peter Nierhoff, 15-10, 15-11 to earn the dubious reward of a clash with Frost, whom he has beaten just once in 12 attempts.

lo the women's singles, South Korean teenage sensation Lee Young-Suk followed up Friday's defeat of world champion Han Aiping of China, by routing title holder Kirsteo Larsen of Denmark 11-3, 11-3 in 25 minutes.

That was also the time required by Go Jiaming of China, seeded joint fifth, to upset third-seeded

Napoli overwhelms Como to retain League lead

ROME (R) — Brazilian striker Careca scored twice Sunday as Italian champions Napoli swept to a stylish 3-0 League win at home to struggling Como, maintaining a four-point lead over closest rivals AC Milan who also won easily.

West German qualifier upsets Mandlikova

with Dutch European footballerof-the-year Rund Gullit scoring a classic goal in the second half. while Roma and Sampdoria also won at home to leave the top four

league standings unchanged.
Napoli head the league with 38 patriots, against whom he has lost four times in 75 meetings. But his confidence showed inpoints, followed by Milan on 34 and Rome, who beat Empoli 1-0 advertently wheo he let slip: The difficult part of the tournaand who are the only other team left in cooteotioo for the title. oext with 33 points.

Napoli, held to a goalless draw Frederikseo, four years the

get it out of my mind," said the 26-year-old Mandlikova, who will

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Mandlikova, seveoth in the world, struggled to win the first

set and then looked in cootrol

wheo she went ahead 5-2 in the

second set. But she double

faulted oo the first of five match

points to the 10th game and weot

oo to lose her serve. Auer closed

the gap to 5-5, lost her serve to fall behind 5-6, then saved four

match points and broke Mandli-

kova's serve in the 12th game, forcing a tiehreaker which she

Auer weot up a break at 4-2 in

the third set but became nervous

easily woo 7-3.

younger at 25, has come through by bottom-of-the-league Empoli the section vacated by Eogland's joint third seed Steve Baddeley, last Sunday and with two coowho withdrew with flu.

Milan beat Lowly Pescara 2-0, them, were determined to shrug off their recent poor form.

Careca scored the first goal after 10 minutes, heading home at close range off a free kick puoched powerfully into a crowded area hy Fraocesco Romano. Fernando de Napoh scored the second with a virtuoso effort on the stroke of halftime.

Argentine World Cup captain Diego Maradona, playing with superb confidence, set up the third goal with a neat back heel pass to defender Salvatore Bagni who in turn slipped the ball to Careca who hammered home in

Mandlikova erupted when the

lineswoman's call went against

her oo the first point of the 11th

game. She was peoalised a point

for throwing her racket after los-

Auer hegan serving the 12th game with a 15-0 lead because of

the peoalty. She closed out the

match with two volley winners,

set up by carefully placed two-

Rain forced postpooemeot of

30 matches, including 10 singles,

and created windy playing coodi-

tioos for the remaining contests.

Connors beats Sanchez

Earlier, Jimmy Connors defe-

Auer won 4-6, 7-6. 7-5.

handed hackhands

ing her serve io that game.

Maradona leads the overal scoring standings with 12 goals while Careca's double puts him

close behind on 11.
Milan got off to a devastating start, scoring in the second minute through Daniele Massaro of a free kick from Gullit, who scored the second in the 48th minute, rising high in the area and theo lobbing a calmly controlled ball into the oet.

Zbigniew Boniek on the bench for the first half, laboured until the 50th mioote before scoring through Giuseppe Giaonioi Juventus, in the doldrums after being beaten by Avellino Sunday. beat Pisa 2-1 to stave off further

Roma, with Polish strike:

criticism and revive their hopes of staying in European competition

ated Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-1.

6-4, 6-4 in a lacklustre affair, and

ninth-seeded American Barbara

Potter easily heat unseeded

Auer, 21, railied with Mandli-

kova from the haseline and

attacked with poise on the key

points throughout the two-hour

Auer, ranked 284th in the

"I feel wonderful," she said

through an ioterpreter. "I did oot

think I had a chance to win before

I started because she is ranked so

high. I think I believed I had a

chance when I won the second

world, said it was the higgest win

Catherine Suire of Fraoce.

and four-mioute match.

of her career.

Gilmour becomes 1st Australian to win Congressional Cup

LONG BEACH, California (R) — Australian Peter Gilmour won the Congressional Cup Yachting Regatta Saturday but quickly admitted that his mates would not be satisfied until they won the America's Cup again.

Gilmour, the first Australian to win the cup, lost his first race Saturday to American John Kolius but won the last of the nine-race

series to accumulate enough points to win with a 7-2 record.

Gilmour and American John Betrand, who placed second overall. finished with identical records for the series, which began last Wednesday. Bot since Gilmour had heaten Betrand earlier, the Australian was declared the winner.

American Bill Lynn was third, in the 24th annual eveot, which this year used the Catalina 38 sloops.

"We tried to rectify losing the (America's) Cup but we won't feel

GOREN BRIDGE

THE CASE OF THE PERFECT PRINCE

The Comminee was faced with a

dilemma. To call the winner or the

defender for an explanation was to

risk an international incident. To ig-

nore it would fuel the rumors. It was

a case for Sike O'Fant, the bridge

It took the Great One only a few

"Vous lournament was won by

the best player in the event," he

stated "At the other tables declarer

played one of dummy's honors to

the first trick. East took the ace and

returned the suit, and the defenders

garnered four diamond tricks and

"The Prince must have taken a

played low from the table at trick

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continue the suit was going to

break. Since he started with only a

doubleton, declarer had time 10

force out the ace of clubs while he

still had a diamond stopper on the

board. His line of play would lose only if West started with at least five

diamonds headed by the A-J-10

and the ace of clubs a most unlikely

contingency in view of the fact that

he did not overcall one diamond

"By the way, that will be \$1,000. My standard fee, y'know!"

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Opening lead: Jack of O The club tournament, offering a

considerable cash prize, had just

been won by a visiting dignitary with ties to the royal family of his

homeland. The key hand is shown

above. Every pair was in three no trump, and the jack of diamonds was the universal lead. At every ta-

hie save one, the contract went

down. The exception was the win-

ner, who made 10 tricks. The Card

Committee was called because sit-

ting East was the Third Secretary of

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vindicated uotil we get the cup back," said Gilmoor, 28, after his

Gilmour lost the oext-to-last race Saturday to American John Kolius but clinched the cup after beating American Bill Lynn in the

In the final, Gilmour out-manoeuvred Lynn after tacking away his 'I figured the race was woo after we pulled ahead 10 boat leogths,"

For the Congressional Cup, skipper Gilmour switched roles with Ian Murray who had been at the helm aboard Kookaburra III in the

America's Cup finals against America's Stars Stripes. At one point in the eighth race Saturday Murray was frantically waviog away spectator boats, fearful that their wash would affect the

"The key factor in our win is we sail with the same team — we call ourselves, 'Kooka-Kids,' — that's our streogth," Gilmour told

Defeoding champion Eddie Owen of Britain finished in fifth place

Kasunori Komatsu, Japan's first cotrant in the Congressional Cup, who finished the Regatta at 0-9, will receive the last-place prize, the book "how to sail your boat."

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A sudden change in your current situation will allow you much more room for financial growth, and will also reveal some valuable business

opportunities. Be sure to maintain n optimistic sttitude. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) It may be wise to reconsider a decision you have come to, as there may be

me small, but potentially harmful, results connected with it. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't allow a secret worry to keep you from taking advantage of a

great opportunity. A new acquain-tance can give you good advice. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Running off for some fun with friends could cause you to renege on a promise you have made, so avoid doing this at all costs. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21] Don't attempt to convince a superior to become involved in a new project if this person is hesitant, or trouble will result.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Avoid rushing through your daily routines, or you could make a costly mistake. Don't take any advice without thinking it over first.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone making any sudden By Harris

changes in a business arrangement

your budget in better order. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Listen to the advice of a close family friend, but ignore the sugges tions of a self-serving partner. This SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If

you need some advice on how to improve your efficiency, listen only to a successful business person. Be careful when discussing new ideas SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Before indulging in an amuse-ment with your friends, handle any Feb. 17.

important matters carefully. Listen to the advice of a co-worker. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Stop being a spectator and get in-volved as a participant in life. Ap-ply yourself to whatever interests

you, and get good results today. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

Mike Tyson

Tubbs has had frequent weight he still appeared comfortably speed oor footwork.

Bot oo Thursday he said his

Tony Tubbs

he expected by fight time. he said.

coocerned. Saying he was already in "great shape," he added that and I'll be marveilnus."

mg Federation (IBF) crowns.

former champioo Larry Hnlmes in the fourth round in Atlantic City, the first of six defeoces

Boxing champ takes Tokyo by storm

TOKYO (R) — Uodisputed world heavyweight boxing champioo Mike Tyson, enjoying an imprecedeoted wave of popularity in Tokyo, is expected to crown his stay by defeating challenger Tony Tubbs Monday.

"Mike is more popular in Japan than he is in the United States," co-maoager William Cayton said at a press confer-

Tyson's sparring has demnnstrated brutal punching power. But outside the ring he is mildmannered, soft-spoken, and visits and makes donations to chilfreo's homes and hospitals. He talks against crime and for educa-

The combination has made him winner with Japan's press and public, who have followed his every move since he arrived here

His popularity has been reflected in a contract for a beer

commercial oo Japanese televisino, warth over \$600,000. That is more than 30-year-old

fellow American Tubbs will receive for the fight. His cut is \$500,000, with a controversial \$50,000 bonus if he is in top

YOU WHAT ?! YOU TRADED

GIRL WITH THE GLASSES ?!!

ME FOR THAT STUPID

Former middleweight champinn Sugar Ray Leonard, here to do a televisinn commeotary, told reporters Saturday that while former Wnrld Boxing Associatioo (WBA) champion Tubbs had taleot "he allows himself to get nut of shape between fights."

problems. In a public sparring session here earlier in the week cushioned, dazzling neither in



only ooe kilo over the maximum

"I know I'm the best fighter."

Tyson did oot seem uoduly

"one or two more days of training

Tyson, still only 21, won the World Boxing Couocil (WBC) title at the age of 20, theo took the WBA and International Box-In January, he knocked out

promised this year as part of a \$26.5 millioo package. He looked in superb fighting

trim at 99 kilngrammes here this Tubbs has had 23 wios in 24 professional fights. Despite heing

oearly a decade ynuoger, Tyson has had 33 professional bouts and won them all. 'Tyson's best attributes are

speed and power," said Leooard, adding that Tysoo's good punches teoded to be short noes and a

the best approach against him. But Tubbs is expected to opt for a mauling fight, pulling Tyson into clioches against the ropes. Thal could keep the challeoger

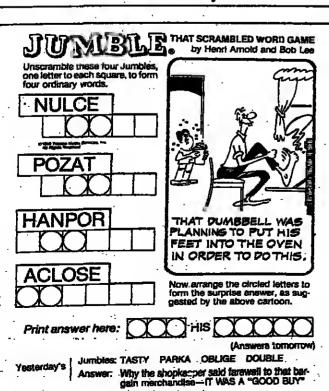
from tiring and limit Tyson's ability to explnit his footwork and punching.
But Tysco has prepared for

such tactics, and it is a measure of his and the hoxing world's confidence that he has already tentatively set defences against American Michael Spinks in June and Britaio's Frack Bruno to

Invite some friends into your home who can help you with financial affairs or family matters. Show that you are grateful for the advice. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Before you get into some new financial or business affairs, take the THE BETTER HALF **Peanuts** time to gather the necessary infor-mation from an expert.

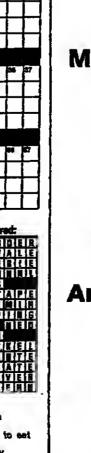


"I tried to dress for success, but the gray tweed underpants were too itchy.



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The Daily Commuter Puzzle



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Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp









Ortega calls Honduras 'tool' of U.S.

Honduran jets bomb Nicaraguan positions again

TEGUCIGALPA (Agencies) — Two Honduran warplanes bombed Nicaraguan positions Saturday afternoon in a rugged border area where Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo was reinforcing troops to oust the Sandinista soldiers.

The Nicaraguan Defence agua, dropping four bombs linistry said the raid was on against Sandinista army positions Ministry said the raid was on Nicaraguan territory and caused no damage. Azcona, in a teleohone interview with the Associated Press, would neither confirm nor deny the attack, but the Honduran military said it occurred on the Honduran side of the ill-defined border.

In Managua. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega dubbed Honduras a "tool" of U.S. policy after it made its second air raid in three days on Sandinista positions he said were inside the northern Nicaraguan border.

"Honduras is lending itself in an escalation of war as a tool of North American oolicy." Ortega told reporters after a meeting with opposition political parties.

Honduras says the Sandinistas crossed the frontier in the Bocay region last week in pursuit of U.S.-backed contra rebels. Thousands of U.S. troops have been sent to Honduras as a show of force, but officials say they will not be sent to combat areas.

Azcona threatened the Sandinistas Friday with air raids unless they pulled out of Honduras. Nicaragua has denied its troops crossed the border, but a Sandinista military official has indicated Nicaraguan troops entered Honduras.

The Honduran statement. issued by muitary intelligence late Saturday, said the raid was ordered by the Military High Command with the objective of forcing the immediate withdrawal of the Nicaraguan troops from our soil.

The statement said two U.S.made F-5 fighter jets carried out the raid but it gave no further details of the attack.

The Nicaraguan Defence Ministry statement issued in Managua said the raid was in the same area where Honduran jets dropped several bombs Thursday. Honduras has said that raid also was on its side of the border.

Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto sent a protest note to Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez, saying his government "energetically and formally protests" the attack, which it called "aggression against Nicaraguan territory.'

The Nicaraguan Defence Ministry statement said two American-made F-5 jets staged a 10-minute attack Saturday afternoon in the Bocay area about 104 kilometres northeast of Manbut causing no damage.

The ministry also said two F-5 warplanes flew over Sandinista positions Saturday morning in the frontier sectors of Mukuwas. San



Jose Azcona Hoyo

Andres De Bocay, Waniwas and Wayawas, but dropped no

There was no immediate comment by Honduras on the reported overflight. Both incursions were repelled

by Sandinista anti-aircraft fire, the ministry said. More U.S. help

Azcona had announced be was sending more troops to the Bocay region and also said he would not hesitate to seek more U.S. help. A few hours after Azcona

made the statements and before

duran Armed Forces said the Nicaraguans were pulling back. Azcona had said before the

Nicaragua reported its territory

was being bombed, the Hon-

armed forces announced the Nicaraguans were withdrawing that the situation in the mountainous Bocay regioo deseriorated when Sandinista troops reentered Honduras after having retreated to the Nicaraguan side. He estimated the Nicaraguan strength in Honduras at about 2,000 by Saturday morning.



The president told the Associated Press he was reinforcing the 2,000 Honduran troops at the border with several more batta-

A Honduran military intelligence officer, speaking on condi-tion of anonymity, said Hon-duran troops surrounded the Sandinistas and were to shoot or capture any Nicaraguan soldiers found on the wrong side of the

About 3,200 U.S. troops have been sent to Honduras at the request of the Honduran govern-

Noriega rejects U.S. S. Korea opposition plan to solve crisis

PANAMA CITY (R) — Panamanian Military Strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, facing spreading popular calls for his removal, has rejected a U.S. plan to solve Panama's political crisis, accordmg to an Armed Forces com-

The statement from the Panama Defence Forces Saturday said Noriega met Friday with two U.S. State Department officials to discuss the proposal, which he dismissed as "unacceptable and anti-Panamanian.'

However, Noriega left open the door to further talks with the U.S. officials which he said must resolve national problems without conditions and take the interests of all Panamanians into account.

Reagan administration officials identified the two negotiators as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State William Walker and Michael Kozak, a department

legal adviser. The New York Times reported Sunday that Noriega had indi-cated to the U.S. officials that he would only step down if he could stay in Panama and chose his own successor as military leader, which the U.S. envoys said was unacceptable.

Noriega also demanded that Manuel Solis Palma, who was installed as Panamanian president by the legislature last month, be permitted to stay oo for six months, when he proposed that presidential elections be held, the Times said.

Noriega was defiant. He hasn't come to grips with reality. He still thinks there is some way for him to stay." it quoted a State Department official as saying.

Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Elliot Abrams told the newspaper Noriega's response was "a disappointment ... The only way this

crisis is going to end is when Noriega leaves. The queston is whether he realises the seriousness of his situation in Panama."

Noriega, who commands the 16,000-strong defence forces, put down a coup attempt Wednesday by senior officers inside the military command headquarters in Panama City. The Armed Forces afterwards

announced a purge of the military high command, arresting five officers accused of instigating the aborted coup and forcibly retiring five more.

The coup attempt sparked a day of violent rioting by government workers and others clamouring for Noriega's removal. The government responded by

putting army troops on street patrol. On Friday, it declared a state of emergency with a decree which could suspend a wide range of civil rights. With the removal of seditions army officers, and troops in the streets to quell further public

disturbances. Noriega appeared ready to ignore calls for his de-

'Noriega is a pragmatist'

"Above all, Noriega is a pragmat ist. He may see himself as being forced out, but I don't think he is quite ready to leave," ooe political observer said.

While Noriega appears to be firmly in control, he faces the prospect of more unrest with the opposition National Civic Crusade's call for a general strike beginning Monday.

Previous strike calls by the Crusade, a largely middle-class coalition of political parties and other organisations, have been unsuccessful at ousting Noriega. However, the protests last

week in Panama City were spearheaded by public employees angered with the government because they were unable to cash their pay cheques.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

merger talks collapse

SEOUL (AP) — Last-minute efforts to unite the divided political opposition before next month's national assembly elections collapsed Sunday with rival parties trading harsh accusations.

Officials of the largest opposi-tion group, the Reunification Democratic Party (RDP) controlled by Kim Young-Sam, called off the merger talks, citing violent demonstrations Saturday night by supporters of its opposition rival. the Party for Peace and Demo-

cracy (PPD).
"Talks on integrating the oppositioo are no longer possible and meaningless because of violent acts deliberately committed by PPD members and their supporters," the RDP said in a state-

Kim Dae-Jung's PPD rejected the accusations as "illogical." Political sources said the two rival opposition parties were expected to officially call off the unificatioo talks later Sunday. and no more talks are expected

The dispute developed after violent protests by 250 PPD members and supporters who occupied the main lobby of a Seoul hotel where the merger talks were to have resumed Satur-

The protesters kicked and punched RDP negotiators, calling them "betrayers" and "swindlers." A television cameraman was beaten and taken to a nearby hospital.

The RDP negotiators called off the talks but were barred from leaving the hotel until after midnight Friday. Another round of talks was called at a different botel Sunday morning but RDP officials refused to attend.

The current merger talks were begun after Kim Dae-Jung resigned his post as chairman of the PPD Thursday, satisfying a key condition set hy the RDP for uniting the opposition before the general elections.

28 reported killed in Burma riots

BANGKOK (R) — Up to 28 people have been killed in Rangoon this week in the worst riots in Burma since 1974, according to persistent reports reaching Bangkok.

The unconfirmed reports said troops armed with guns and hatons stormed into the city Thursday to disperse thousands of protesting students at several campuses. Rampaging residents and stu-

dents smasbed and set fire to government buildings hnt did not touch private property, travellers returning to Bangkok said

Hundreds of demonstrators

in unrest triggered by the shooting to death of a student in clashes with local youths last weekend, diplomats here said. Witnesses said government

were jailed and about 50 injured

trucks roamed the streets to announce a curfew and urge people to go home Friday night. Sources Sunday said the situation in the city was still tense.

The unrest began with a brawl hetween students and local youths at the Rangoon Institute of Technology on March 12 hut by Wednesday had turned into a widespread riot of students and residents against the government.

Prostitute with AIDS dismissed

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) - A judge has dismissed attempted manslaughter charges against a prostitute who continued soliciting sex after she contracted the AIDS virus. a case believed to be the first of its kind in the nation. Circuit Judge Michael Cycmanick ruled Friday that prosecutors failed to prove that Elizabeth Kay Sherouse, 24, actually intended to kill any of her customers. Thank you, Jesus, Sherouse said after the judge's decision. Although the judge said she might have been negligent in contimuing to solicit sex, he said there was no evidence indicating she had an intent to kill. Prosecutors claimed that Sherouse, who has been convicted nine times on

prostitution-related charges, tried to kill two men last summer hyagreeing to have sex with them after she had been told she carried the deadly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

Women burn themselves to death

MOSCOW (R) - Two hundred and seventy women committed snicide by hurning themselves to death last year in the Soviet Central Asian republic of Uzbekistan, a Soviet newspaper said in a report suggesting Islam could be to hlame. Komsomolskaya Pravda said in a report from Tashkent, capital of Uzbekistan, Sunday that Islam could be to hlame after what it called centuries of trampling on women's honour and dignity. "In Uzbekistan alone last year, 270 women committed self-immolation." it. added. "Is the iron grip of Islam, so strong troday in everyday and family life, forcing those young women, driven to despair by humiliation and insults, to pour kerosene over themselves?" it

Soviet dissident free

LONDON (AP) — Soviet dissident Herman Obukhov flew to London Saturday where he was greeted at Heathrow Airport by British students who campaigned on his behalf. Students from Lancing Coilege near the southern England seaside resort of Brighton bombarded Soviet authorities with more than 2,000 letters, telexes and postcards on engineer from Leningrad. The students, members of Amnesty International, the worldwide human rights group, also wrote letters of support to Obukhov and his family. Ohukhov was: sent-enced in 1981 to four years hard labour in a Siberian prison camp, followed hy two years of internal exile in eastern Siberia.

Karabakh leaders renew call for union

MOSCOW (AP) — Communist leaders in a disputed region of the Cancasus Mountains have retired the No. 2 party official and called

again for union with Armenia.
The decisions of the party committee in the Nagorno-Karabakh autonomous region, part of Soviet Azerbaijan since 1923, were reported in the area's newspaper, a copy of which was ohtained Saturday in Moscow.

The state-run press had earlier with Armenia "extremist." The actions showed that de-

called efforts to unite the region

spite complaints from national

officials about their handling of the dispute, leaders of the region continued to call for joining the territorial enclave inside Azerbaijan to Armenia, a neighbouring Soviet republic.

Armenian nationalist Paruyr Ayrikyan told a news conference Saturday in Moscow that his countrypeople are divided about whether to proceed with a plan to demonstrate March 26 to underscore demands that Nagorno-Karabakh, whose population is more than three-quarters Armenian, be made part of Armenia.

Soviet missile withdrawal completed

BERLIN (AP) - The removal of Soviet missiles stationed in East Germany was completed Saturday under the terms of the U.S.-Soviet treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles, the state-run news agency ADN reported. "The last train carrying Soviet missile troops and other equipment for operativetactical missiles of the type OTR-22 (SS-12) left Saturday from Neubrandenburg," ADN said. Neubrandenburg is north of

Dukakis wins Kansas caucuses

TOPEKA, Kansas (R) — Massacbusetts Governor Michael Dukakis won the Kansas Democratic caucuses Saturday, defeating civil rights leader Jesse Jackson. With all 117 districts reporting, Dukakis had 283 delegates and Jackson 205. Tennessee Senator Albert Gore had 125 and Missouri Senator Richard Gephardt trailed with 12. A total of 768 delegates were chosen to attend district conventions on April 23, at which 26 delegates and eight alternates will he selected to July. In the primaries and caucuses so far, Dukakis bas the edge with an estimated 828 delegates. He is followed by Jackson with 720, Gore with 490, Illinois Senator Paul Simon with 180, and Gephardt with 167.

attend the Democratic Party nominating convention in Atlanta in

Suburban Athens bar bombed

ATHENS (R) - Four American military personnel injured in a bomb blast in an Athens bar were released after treatment at a U.S. military base hospital, police said Sunday. The bomh Saturday night injured 14 people and totally destroyed the bar Oscar, popular at weekends with off-duty American servicemen from a nearby U.S. military base. No one has claimed responsibility. Pobce said the 14 victims of the blast in the suburb of Glyfada included an 18-year-old British waitress. She and four Greeks remained in hospital, hut doctors said they were all out of danger. Another 24-year-old Briton was treated for light injuries. "It was a miracle that we had no dead. The explosion was very strong and threw me away several metres from where I stood. It was total madness," said Theodore Arapakis, a customer.

Martin Luther King's old neighbourhood: A tragic example of worsening black poverty

By Sharon Cohen The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Bonnet Hampton knows what it's like to huddle in bed with a baseball bat at hand. wondering how to protect her children from rats scurrying across the rotting wooden floor of her tenement flat.

She knows how to sidestep young men strung out on drugs huddled in dingy hallways, and she's no longer shocked hy dead bodies — even at her doorstep.

"You don't get used to it," she said. "but it's not a nightmare... You don't lose any rest over Hampton lives in the North

Lawndale section of Chicago, a onetime industrial city in the nation's Midwest with a large hlack population. A generation ago, American civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. lived in the neighbourhood in a four-room

King went north to wage war on poverty and inequality. Twenty years after his assassination. slums and disparity remain. But so do dreams of a better life.

A bleak fact of life

Black poverty is a hleak fact of life in the United States. Nearly one in three blacks - 31.1 per cent — lived below the poverty line in 1986, compared with 11 per cent of whites, according to U.S. government statistics.

The poor black community King adopted has become even poorer - and that, say those who knew him, would grieve King if he were still alive.

"If King were to look at Lawndale... he'd think that his worst nightmare had come true," said Gary Orfield, a University of Chicago political science professor who did volunteer work with King.

Some residents reluctantly

"I think he was great enough to know and powerful enough to know his dream is not being

O'Quinn, who welcomed King to her home. "He would know we have stepped backward."

States was moving toward two - separate and unequal."

state records: - Four of 10 people lived in poverty in 1980, an increase of a third over a decade earlier.

- One in five people was out of work in 1980. Unemployment, some activists say, may now be as

fulfilled," said Cleodia Dawkins high as 30 per cent.

Twenty years ago, a major report on inner-city problems, highlighted by the riots of the mid-1960s, warned the United societies, "one black, ooe white

go's William Julius Wilson and Loic Wacquant.

Life for inner-city hlacks has worsened, scholars said in a follow-up study this year, partly because of industrial decline. Over 35 years, cities which based their income on heavy industry have lost almost half their mannfacturing force, according to a report by the University of Chica-

Chicago, the report said, lost half its manufacturing blue-collar workers from 1967-82. And that's taken its toll on North Lawndale. According to federal, city and

- More than a third of the housing is uninhabitable or so deteriorated it's beyond rehabi-

Eight of 10 children are born out of wedlock. The 1986 infant mortality rate, 27.2 per 1,000 live births, was more than 2.5 times the U.S. average.

Much of North Lawndale has simply vanished. Since 1960, more than half the residents, thousands of jobs and most industries have fled. Gangs are more vicious, drugs more commoo.

North Lawndale has block after block of weed-filled lots, gutted buildings and men in their orime who while away their days loitering on street corners or huddled around fires in garbage cans.

Once a largely Jewish community with gray stone houses, stores, factories and banks, North Lawndale turned from white to mostly hlack in the 1950s. Absentee landlords and political neglect had contributed to its decline by 1966 when King moved into a \$90-a-month, thirdfloor flat, with inadequate heat and halls reeking of urine.

'Close to the poor'

"Yoo can't really get close to the poor without living and being here with them," he said. King lived in the building, since torn down, on and off for several

months that year. He tried to fight slumlords, build tenant unions, end discrimination. He led open-housing marches in all-white neighbourboods and tried to be peacemaker when riots flared in the summer

King, folks say, brought hope to North Lawndale. His assassination hrought destruction. Riots that tore apart U.S. cities after King's death in 1968 unleashed a storm of rage in the neighbourhood as well.
"The riots killed or... almost

mortally wounded the hope of the

community," said Primus Moot-

ry, executive vice president of the local Better Boys Foundation. "There was no Marshall Plan for this war-torn community. It was as if someone decided to let them sit there in the mess that they made and let them stew," he said. "The consequences have been devastating. The commun-

ity has been damned from the

Today, North Lawndale has 61,000 residents, less than half the population of almost 125,000

in 1965. Much of the middle-class has fled. Tens of thousands of jobs also disappeared. Seventy-five per cent of husinesses were lost from

1960 to 1970. The main shopping area remains a burned-out shell. A proposal by a national organisation of planners, huilders, bankers and others to build a \$9.5-million shopping centre has been post-

The neighbourhood has some food and liquor stores, but to bny anything else, "you have to go an area you're not wanted to spend your money," said Isabelle Burrell. "It's insulting."

Some businesses have stayed afloat. The Community Bank of Lawndale, which opened in 1977 with \$2 millioo in assets, now has \$25 million. But Jim Hadley, senior vice

president, said investors still

question the neighbourhood's

viability, despite its prime location and good transportation. A main reason is housing shortages. Only 727 units have been huilt since 1969, city officials say. Some government-subsidised housing bas been built and almost \$7 million has been spent on improvements since 1983, they

"As long as you don't have any housing, you're not going to have desirable residents," said resident Edward Manning.

The business climate, however, seems like a minor problem comgangs and violence.

Horror stories Hampton, for example, a 30- community are facing up to the year-old with three teen-agers and a baby, has survived four apartments and 14 years of horror stories: She's fended off giant rats slurping out of her toilet, been forced out by an arsonist, faced drug users shooting up in the hallway and seen murder victims.

including a decapitated man. I've seen a lot of disaster," she said, adding that she carries a knife hy day, a gun at night. "We have a lot of lunatics out here."

Drug trafficking wasn't always a problem, and the gangs of decades past directed their violence at each other. "They didn't bother those of us doing good things," said O'Quinn, who with her husband runs a drum and hugle corps for

youths. "The gangs don't respect anything now. Mootry confirmed gangs are more lethal: Knives and chains have been replaced by Uzi submachine guns and other sophisticated weapons.

A great tragedy Yet the biggest problem, he said, may he a perception among youths that North Lawndale is

"an island... a walled city (where)

nothing comes in and nothing

comes out. That is the way in which they are socialised. That's a great tragedy." Mootry's organisation tries to broaden horizons, offering recreational and education programmes, including scholarships that have sent teen-agers to uni-

versity. Block chubs, slum-busting

projects and infant bealth prog-

rammes also bave been started. Manning and others say a comehack depends on residents flexing political muscle - something they learned to do with the 1983 election of Harold Washington, Chicago's first hlack mayor who died last year and is regarded

with the same reverence as King. "We have been at the lowest of low," said Jesse Miller, head of pared with the drug dealing, the Lawndale Peoples Planning and Action Conference, an activist group. "The citizens of this

problems."

Miller says North Lawndale's problems may be the same as they were a generation ago, except for ooe difference: "The political maturity is there now."

'There's still hope' If King were alive, "I think he'd be proud of the attitude of There are still efforts... to bring the residents. There's still hope. Lawndale into the 20th century.

CHICAGO (AP) - Here are \$16,476, compared with some statistics on hlack pover \$17,765 for the 1970s. ty in the United States and related issues:

Poverty:

- The national poverty rate for blacks in 1986 was 31.1 per cent, compared with 11 per cent for whites, according to the U.S. Census Burean. The poverty rate is based on those people whose income falls below a level determined by the U.S. government. The level is \$8,737 for a three-person family, and \$11,203 for a fourperson family.

- In 1968, the year Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, the black poverty rate was 34.7 per cent, compared with 10 per cent for whites. - The Midwest had the highest proportioo of blacks living below the poverty line, 34.5 per cent, in 1986, according to the State of Black America, a series of reports published by the National Urban League.

Unemployment:

— The black unemployment rate in 1987 was 13 per cent, 2.5 times the 5.3 per cent for whites, the Census Bureau said.

- In 1968, before statistics were broken down for specific racial or ethnic groups, all minority unemployment was 6.7 per cent. The white johless rate was 3.2 per cent.

- Median family income for

blacks has increased every year since the recession-fuelled low point of 1982, the Urhan League said. However, the average median black family income throughout the 1980s is

Statistics on black poverty

dian hlack family income was \$17,604, compared with \$30.809 for whites. - In 1986, 44.2 per cent of black families had incomes of less than \$10,000, compared with 13.7 per cent of white

- In a single year, 1986, me-

— In 1986, 42.7 per cent of all black children nnder 18 years of age were officially classified as poor. The comparable figure for white children was

Cities:

- From 1970 to 1980, the number of people living below the poverty line in the cores of the nation's 10 largest cities increased by 19 per cent, from 3.1 million to 3.8 million, according to a University of Chicago study by Loic Wacquant and William Julius

Wilson The increase, the study said, was due entirely to increased poverty among minorities. The cities measured were the argest as of 1970 - New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, Dallas, Cleveland Indianapolis, Los Angeles and Houston.

- In the 1970-80 decade, the number of poor people rose 30 per cent in Los Angeles, 24 per cent in Chicago, 20 per cent in New York City and 16 per cent in Philadelphia, the study said.

The proportion of blacks livmg m extremely poor neighbourboods doubled in Chicago and tripled in New York city from 1970 to 1980.

